



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

...making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Matthew 11

As we worship God, we remember this moment in the gospels:

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,

he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus,

“Are you the one who is to come,

or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus answered them,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk,

the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,

the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

*Hymn #22

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Gracious God,
in Jesus Christ you have leavened
good news into the life of your world.**

**Forgive us for
turning your good news into bad news,
for assuming the worst about your intentions,
for deciding on your behalf who is in and who is out.**

**Set us free from our need to control
and liberate our hearts for Love and Light,
all in the precious name of Jesus.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

verses 1 & 4

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Response – Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, for all that love has done, Creator, Christ, and Spirit one! Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, O Praise God, Alleluia!

Prayers of Intercession, Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name, Thy Kingdome Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LISTENING

Hymn #188 (remain seated)

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture – Mark 1:1

Sermon – On reclaiming the word EVANGELICAL

DEPARTING

*Hymn #741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Hold my hand I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Stand by me I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back. May the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

Postlude



Information & Announcements

Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

Prayer Concerns

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Jane Prentice; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Evelyn Clark; Annette Hutto; Jeff, Lynn, Josh and Hannah Denny - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Nicholas Sanchez (Kathy McCord's godson); James Watwood; Dawson Everett (Gwen Kitchens' great-nephew); Carter Eddlemon (Doug & Carol Holt's grandson)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Fran and Ken Mayhew in celebration of 62 years of marriage.

Children's Sunday School

All children are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30^{AM}. We'll have a lesson with a craft and a morning snack. All children will join their parents for the worship service at 10:30.

Nursery Coordinator

We are currently looking for a nursery coordinator to ensure our nursery is staffed each Sunday. If you are interested in helping with this or know of someone who would like to fill this as a position, please let Jennifer or Nita McCord know.

Ushers and Greeters

We are blessed to have amazing smiling faces to welcome family, friends, and visitors every Sunday morning. If you are able to serve as a greeter and usher, please let elder Jeff Denny know at jkdenny@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast – June 12

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together Wednesday morning, June 12th at 7am. Invite a friend and meet us at H&H Restaurant (807 Forsyth St. – Downtown). Dutch Treat.

“Pack the Van” for Loaves & Fishes Ministry – June 16

Bring your non-perishable food donations with you to church Sunday, June 16 as we “pack the van” for Macon's Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

Presbytery-wide worship & picnic – June 23

Flint River has welcomed Barnesville Presbyterian Church into our presbytery. As a sister church, we will be hosting a joint worship service followed by a picnic lunch with all of our sister churches Sunday, June 23rd at our normal 10:30 worship time. If you are able to help bring a side dish, please see your greeters or take a slip from the basket on the welcome desk!

Summer Alternative with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Each Thursday in June, we invite you to join with St. Andrews Presbyterian at their annual Summer Alternative, a session of dinner, adult studies led by guest speakers and activities for children. Dinner begins at 6pm and programs at 6:45. Please RSVP to 478-474-4451 if you plan to attend dinner.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News; SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Mark Brown; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin; Nita McCord; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Amanda Smith; Minor Vernon; Gail Walker
RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Summer office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-1:00; Sunday 7:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911