



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 27

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship

and always.

*Hymn #664

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – based on Psalm 25

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.
According to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

**For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
and forgive all my sins.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Romans 8:31-39

Remembering Our Baptisms

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.

*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 #661 (remain seated)

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Scripture – Luke 10:38-42

Sermon – On reclaiming the adjective FEMINIST for use with the noun CHRISTIAN

DEPARTING

*Hymn #834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*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 Minor and Natalie Vernon in celebration of their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd.

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 volunteer 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.

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! This method should help us simplify and streamline the process of making sure we have enough picnic dishes.

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