



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

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 today with prayers of joy,

to sing and to make music to our Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways, O God,

and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship

and always.

*Hymn #612

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;

through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,

and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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 with us forever.**

**Do not remember our sins or our transgressions.
According to your steadfast love remember us,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

**For your name's sake, God,
pardon our guilt and release us from our past.
Turn to us in Christ and be gracious to us,
and forgive all our sins.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Psalm 103:6-13

Response to Forgiveness #627

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. [repeat]

Remembering our Baptisms

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*Passing the Peace

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Hymn #375

Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

LISTENING

Scripture – John 13:1-20

Sermon – “You also should do as I have done to you”

DEPARTING

*Hymn #722

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Prayers of Dedication for Ministry, 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.

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response

Northumbria Community

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

Postlude



Information & Announcements

Welcome Friends and 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 - 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

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Allison Jones in celebration of her mother, Karen Jones' birthday.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will continue all summer. We will be sharing stories of Jesus from the New Testament, enjoy story-related activities, and refreshments will be included. All children *as well as their friends and neighbors* are cordially invited to join us at 9:30AM every Sunday morning!

Ushers and Greeters

We are in need of ushers and greeters to welcome our church family and guests on Sunday mornings. Please check the new sign-up board in the foyer to volunteer your smile on a Sunday that works for you!

Macon Moves for Jesus – July 18-21

All Flint River youth (ages 13 and up) are invited to come together for fellowship, fun, and outreach as they serve the Macon area through planned mission work. The cost is \$60 per youth and includes all food, a t-shirt, and other goodies for this mission excursion. Youth will be staying the nights here at Northminster. See Chloe Napier or Jennifer Whitehead for payment and the release of liability form.

Adult Sunday School – August 11

Our adult (ages 12 and up) Sunday School classes will resume in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, August 11th at 9:00AM. Our first 6-week session will be led by pastor Ralph. Stay tuned for details.

2024 Northminster Express – October 19

This year, the Northminster Express will be riding the rails in scenic Blue Ridge, Georgia! We are currently taking reservations for our group tour aboard the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. Tickets are \$68 for adults and \$48 for children between the ages of 2-12. We will depart from Northminster via chartered bus Saturday, October 19th at 6am and return around 5:30pm. See your flyer insert for additional information.

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-Friday 9:00-1:00; Sunday 7:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911