



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Remembering Our Baptisms

Invitation to the Communion Meal

Scripture – Luke 24:28-35

Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
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with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during communion

*Unison Prayer

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; 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

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

*Doxology #606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Acts 6:1-7

Hymn #459 (remain seated)

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

Sermon – We Presbyterians have a special stake in DEMOCRACY – Part 2

*Hymn #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*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 in the red book located in the pew so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship.

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

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Rosie Miles in loving memory of her mother, Nancy, and in honor of her father, Brad, who together would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Christmas in July

Throughout this month, we will be gathering gifts for our backpack ministry supporting our neighbor, Rosa Taylor Elementary school. Each year, members of our neighborhood committee pack over 900 bags filled with ready-to-eat or easy-to-prepare foods and deliver them to Rosa Taylor where 26 students every week, throughout the entire school year, will be sure not to go hungry over the weekend. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry.

Children's Sunday School

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

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!

Birthday Cards

Beloved member, Jane Ebey, will celebrate her 90th birthday August 18th. Jane has been homebound under care at Carlyle Place here in Macon and we want to make sure she knows she is in our thoughts on this milestone birthday! We are asking members to write a birthday card to Jane and bring it to church with you by Sunday, August 18th, at which time pastor Ralph and a member of our congregational care committee will take the cards and sanctuary flowers to Jane after worship. Thank you so much for your help making all our members feel God's love through your kindness and friendship.

Veritas Classical Education

Veritas Classical School will start their second year in our building this August. We are excited to have this exceptional homeschool program right here at our church. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Veritas, you can contact their Macon campus administrator, Michele, at 478-733-3241 or veritaswelcome@veritasschoolsmg.com

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. See your bulletin insert for details.

Men's Breakfast – August 14

All men are invited to gather at H&H Restaurant Wednesday, August 14th at 7am for breakfast and fellowship. This is a dutch treat event.

Confirmation Kick-off – September 21-22

First Presbyterian Church of Thomaston, GA is hosting a presbytery-wide weekend retreat for all youth (in grades 6 through 12) who have not yet completed confirmation. This retreat will also serve as Northminster's kick-off event to our own confirmation class.

5th Sunday Lunch – September 29

We will celebrate Northminster's 60th year of making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ over lunch in the fellowship all September 29th following the worship service.

Women's Bible Study – October 2

All women are invited to join this year's fall Bible study where Ralph will be teaching based on the book of Philippians. This study begins Wednesday, October 2 with a morning session at 10AM and an evening session at 6PM. Stay tuned for details.

Rise Against Hunger – October 6

We will host this year's presbytery-wide Rise Against Hunger packing event. 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