



October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Luke 24:28-36

When we come to our Lord's table, we remember those early disciples, on the road to Emmaus. Not yet recognizing the risen Jesus, they nevertheless invite him to join them as a guest:  
**"Please, be our guest. It's getting late, and soon it will be too dark to walk."**

In that same spirit, let us welcome the risen Christ among us we worship in this hour.  
**Come, dear Jesus, lend us your Spirit as we gather in the shelter of your good news.**

When they sit down at the table for dinner, Jesus takes the bread in his hands.  
**He gives thanks for it, and then he breaks it and gives it to them.**  
At that instant, their eyes are suddenly opened so they recognize Him.

They went and told the others what they experienced:  
**"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to us!"**  
As it was for them then, may it be so for us today:  
**that he would be made known to us in the breaking of our bread.**

\*Hymn #515

*I Come with Joy*

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

Scripture – Luke 9:12-20

Sermon – Jesus: “You give them something to eat.”

\*Hymn #305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Scriptures – Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

\*Affirmation of Faith — Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

\*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.

Hymn #525 (remain seated)

*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) let us praise God 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)

Remembering Our Baptisms

Invitation to the Table

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...**

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

Closing 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.**

\*Hymn #716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Sung Response

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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.

Ongoing Prayer Requests: Our Flint River Presbytery and campus ministries

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; Susan Garrett (colleague of Gregg Reed, cancer diagnosis) - 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)

### Children's Sunday School & Nursery

Every Sunday, we have nursery available beginning at 9<sup>AM</sup>. All children are welcome to arrive at 9 so parents may participate in Sunday School. Children will participate in their own Sunday School lesson and activities at 9:30 and will join their family to begin worship at 10:30. Nursery is still available through the end of worship.

### Adult Sunday School

Today, we began a new study with Paul Lewis from Mercer University. For 6 weeks, Paul will be leading us in a discussion of Doug Ottati's "Living Belief: A Short Introduction to Christian Faith." Paul was one of our teachers last winter. Please welcome him back to Northminster and join us for Sunday school at 9:00am October 6th.

### 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!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch – September 29

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

### Women's Bible Study

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 began Wednesday, October 2 with a morning session at 10<sup>AM</sup> and an evening session at 6<sup>PM</sup>. Join in any Wednesday at either time – even if you miss a Wednesday or need to switch a session between morning and evening, please do so.

### Peace & Global Witness Special Offering – Today

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. This offering will be collected Sunday, October 6.

### Rise Against Hunger – Today

We will host this year's presbytery-wide Rise Against Hunger packing event at 2pm in our fellowship hall.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast – October 9<sup>th</sup>

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together Wednesday morning, October 9th at 7<sup>AM</sup>. Invite a friend and meet us at H&H Restaurant (807 Forsyth St. - Downtown). Dutch treat.

**Office Hours – October 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer will be out of the office this week (October 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>). Ralph continues to be available to contact by phone or email throughout the week.

**Loaves & Fishes Ministry Invites YOU!**

The week of October 13<sup>th</sup>, Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon will be celebrating their 57<sup>th</sup> birthday! Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, they will hold a breast cancer walk-a-thon in honor of clients, staff, and board members who have suffered with cancer. Then on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, they will have a lunch for clients and donors alike down at the Mission. You can go to <https://gofund.me/c3a6af09> to give or contact Chloe Napier at [pmcradford@gmail.com](mailto:pmcradford@gmail.com).

**Youth Meeting – October 27<sup>th</sup>**

The youth will have a Halloween-themed meet-up Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4<sup>PM</sup> here at the church. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend!

**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  
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

**Office hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00-1:00; Sunday 7:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911