



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 13, 2024

21st Sunday After Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Ephesians 2

Christ is our peace;
in his flesh he has made all groups into one
and has broken down the dividing wall between us.
He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of two, making peace.
And he has reconciled both groups to God in one body through the cross.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;
for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,
but we are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
built upon the sure foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

*Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – based on Psalm 51

Merciful God,
you forgive all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
**We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Hear our prayers of confession ...

Scriptures – Romans 5:8-9

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Response to Forgiveness #175

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

*Affirmation of Faith — from the Presbyterian Declaration of Faith

God made us to care for other created things.

**God made human beings along with all the other creatures
and charged them to care for the earth
and all that lives on it.**

**We acknowledge we share in the interdependence
that binds together all God's creation.**

**Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.**

**We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.**

**The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce**

**in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.
The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.**

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Moment for Stewardship 2025

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.

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.

Hymn #817 (remain seated)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Scripture – Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon – Stewardship: Do no worry about tomorrow

*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

*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.

Ongoing Prayer Requests: Our Flint River Presbytery and campus ministries

Current Member Concerns: 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 Guinets, Isaac Fairchild (Dominic Didon'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

You don't want to miss children's Sunday School where we're learning all about the parables of Jesus from the New Testament! All children are welcome to arrive at 9AM so parents may participate in Sunday School. Children will participate in their Sunday School lesson and activities at 9:30 and will join their family to begin worship at 10:30. Childcare remains available through the end of worship.

Adult Sunday School – Sunday mornings at 9AM

We have begun a new study with Paul Lewis from Mercer University. Paul is leading us in a discussion of Doug Ottati's "Living Belief: A Short Introduction to Christian Faith." All adults and youth (grades 6 and up) are invited to participate in adult Sunday school!

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!

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^{AM} and an evening session at 6^{PM}. 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.

Loaves & Fishes Ministry Invites YOU!

The week of October 13th, Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon will be celebrating their 57th birthday! Tuesday, October 15th, 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 17th, 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.

Youth Meeting – October 27th

The youth will have a Halloween-themed meet-up Sunday, October 27th at 4^{PM} 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

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