



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalms 103 and 118

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Again today we come together to worship—
the God of creation, of salvation, of time and eternity;

**the God of all peoples, of all nations,
of all conditions of people everywhere.**

Praise the Lord!

All that is within me, praise God's holy name.

Praise the Lord and remember all God's kindnesses:

in forgiving our sins;

in curing our diseases;

in saving us from destruction;

in surrounding us with love.

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

The Lord is slow to anger

and willing to give us gifts of love.

Praise the Lord!

Oh, all that is within us, praise the Lord!

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!

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 constant 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!**

Good and upright is the Lord.
Therefore God instructs sinners in the good way.

**For your name’s sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Relieve the troubles of our hearts,
and bring us out of any distress.
Consider our afflictions and forgive all our sins.

Hear our prayers of confession ...

Scripture – Psalm 103, various verses

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

Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead.
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.

They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified.
Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people
the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

**We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.**

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Moment for Stewardship 2025

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Simple Gifts

Mark Schweizer

*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 #37 (remain seated)

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Scripture – Acts 2:37-47

Sermon – Stewardship: Together and in common

*Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*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 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 Jeanne Roddenberry in loving memory of her mother's October 19th birthday.

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 9^{AM} 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

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.

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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