



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

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

When we come to this table, we remember those 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, we 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 #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Call to Confession

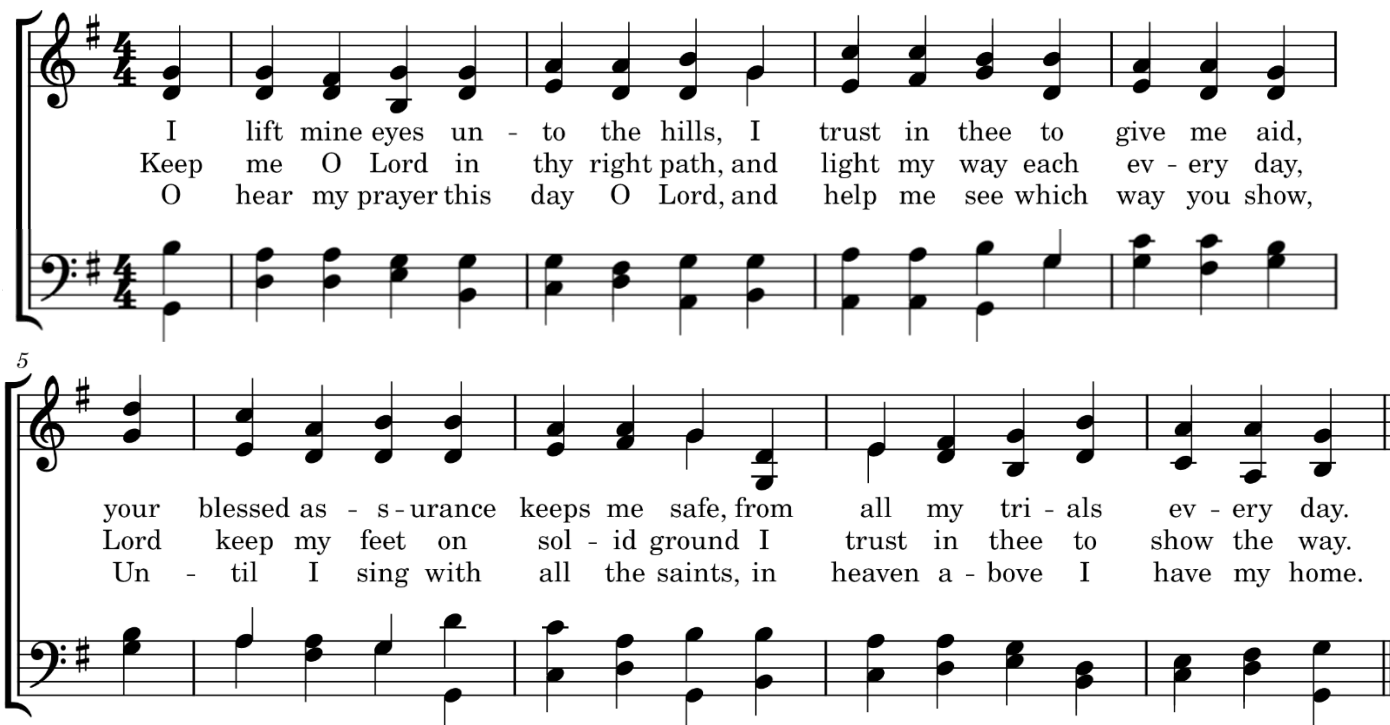
Silent Prayers of Confession

Scripture – Psalm 46

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Hymn of Illumination
original hymn by Taylor Morton and Thomas Tallis



I lift mine eyes un - to the hills, I trust in thee to give me aid,
Keep me O Lord in thy right path, and light my way each ev - ery day,
O hear my prayer this day O Lord, and help me see which way you show,
your blessed as - s - urance keeps me safe, from all my tri - als ev - ery day.
Lord keep my feet on sol - id ground I trust in thee to show the way.
Un - til I sing with all the saints, in heaven a - bove I have my home.

*Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Table

Musical Offering

Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

Carlton Young

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

Hymn #724 (remain seated)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

verses 1-2

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

Scripture – Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon – Our Wednesday Morning Witness

*Hymn #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

verses 3-4

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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.**

*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.

Congregational Meeting



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 Donna Shuford in celebration of her parents, Ann & Andy Weaver's, 62nd wedding anniversary.

Congregational Meeting

Following the service today, we will have a brief congregational meeting to elect our elders for 2025-26.

Committee Meetings – November 10th

For most committees, this will be the final meeting of 2024. If you would like to join one of the following committees, or simply sit in on a meeting to see what it's all about, please contact the corresponding elder.

Youth Progressive Dinner – November 10th

All youth are invited to participate in a progressive dinner party next Sunday, November 10th. Youth will travel to different homes for each course. If you are interested in hosting a course, please contact Chloe or Rosie.

Men's Breakfast – November 13th

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together at H&H Restaurant downtown (807 Forsyth St.) at 7^{AM}. This is a dutch treat activity.

Thanksgiving Lunch – November 17th

Our Fellowship/Adult Discipleship committee will be hosting Thanksgiving Lunch Sunday, November 17th following the worship service. The menu will feature Roasted pork loin with apricot sauce, sweet potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread and for dessert, slices of Lynn Davis' famous cakes! To help us cover the cost of food, we are asking \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 with a family cap of \$25.

Small Group Fellowship in 2025

Fellowship groups will be to build connections, deepen relationships, and to share in prayer and mutual support. These church-wide groups will be multi-generational, co-ed, and will include 10 to 12 people each. There will be a leader selected within each group, to coordinate gatherings. The groups will start in January 2025 and continue until June, taking a break for the summer. If you are interested in participating in a small group, please indicate this on your blue response sheet.

Sunday School – Every Sunday morning

Adult/Youth Sunday school will continue through December 15th in the fellowship hall at 9^{AM}. Children's Sunday school continues throughout December 22nd at 9:30^{AM}. All children, grades 5 and under, are welcome to arrive at 9^{AM} so parents may participate in Sunday School. Childcare remains available through the end of worship.

2025 Directory

Since the time of our last pictorial directory, we have welcomed new faces and said goodbye to members who have passed. It is time for an update! Throughout the month of December, please stop by the Library any Sunday before or after worship to have your photo taken and make sure your contact information is correct. All who wish to be included in the directory, whether member or friend, are encouraged to participate.

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