



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 16

Protect me, God, for the only shelter I know is found in the moments I seek You.

I told You, Eternal One, “You are my Lord,

for the only good I know in this world is found in You alone.”

The beauty of faith-filled people encompasses me.

They are true, and my heart is thrilled beyond measure.

You, Eternal One, are my sustenance and my life-giving cup.

In that cup, You hold my future and my eternal blessings.

My life is surrounded in beauty because of You.

You have gifted me with abundance and a rich legacy.

I will bless the Eternal, whose wise teaching orchestrates my days

and centers my mind when the darkness covers me.

The Eternal is ever present with me;

at all times God goes before me.

I will not live in fear or abandon my calling

because the Lord stands at my right hand.

*Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Loving God,
you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through our caring for your creation
and loving our sisters and brothers.**

**Forgive us for
what we have done against your law of Love
what we have left undone in our Living
what we have tolerated despite your Light**

**Forgive us our past Teach us in our present
Lead us onward to your future all in Jesus' name.**

Hear our further prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Response to Forgiveness #819

Be Still My Soul

verse 1

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Affirmation of Faith – 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.

Remembering Our Baptisms

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

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 #840 (remain seated)

When Peace Like A River

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Scripture – Hebrews 10:11-25

Sermon – “...since we have a great priest over the house of God...”

*Hymn #838

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

*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); M.A. Riley (friend of Frank Ellis, surgery) - 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)

Community Choral Concert – November 21

We have the pleasure of hosting the Middle Georgia State University Chamber Singers Thursday evening, November 21st. They will perform at 7:30pm and all are invited. Admission is free.

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 by November 24th.

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 through December 22nd, taking a one-week break December 29th, then picking back up January 5th 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.

Children's Sunday School – Month of Thanks

Our children's Sunday school class is practicing gratitude all month. As they reflected on being thankful that they have warm clothes and homes, they decided they'd like to share that warmth with other children by collecting kids' winter coats, jackets and sweaters to donate to the Rosa Taylor clothing closet. They will have a box set up this Sunday for donations that can be brought in from now through Christmas.

Men's Coat Drive

Men (and women who would like to participate) are invited to bring gently used winter coats and jackets to church any Sunday morning. These donations will be taken to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry to be distributed to those in need throughout the winter months.

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

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