



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 132, from Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt

We remember, O Lord,

those past saints who suffered sorely on Your behalf.

In obedience to You they endured persecution.

In their heroic determination to live by Your will

and to remain in Your course for their lives,

they proclaimed and demonstrated Your Word to this world's masses.

Make us aware, O Lord,

of Your children who even today are suffering for their faith.

Visit them with joy; empower them with Your Spirit;

watch over and care for them.

May the influence of their courageous convictions

shake us out of our lethargy,

move us from the fringes of fear and indecision into the center of Your will,

and endue us with the grace to carry on Your purposes

in scorn of the consequences that may come to our lives.

*Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our god with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Shepherd of your people,
hear our prayer.
As your Son heard the plea
of the criminal crucified with him,
so we ask that you hear our confessions.
Gather into Christ's holy reign:
the broken, the sorrowing, and the sinner,
that all may know
wholeness, joy, and forgiveness.
Hear our further prayers ...**

Scripture – Revelation 1:4-8

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.**

*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 #265 (remain seated)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Scripture – John 18:33-37

Sermon – A Different Kingdom

Dena Hobbs

*Hymn #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*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 guest preacher, Dena Hobbs

Dena Douglas Hobbs is the Episcopal and Lutheran campus minister for Macon area. She is the co-author of *When Anxiety Strikes* with her husband Jason. She lives in Bonaire with her family.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Nancy Sasser in loving memory of her son, Jonathan Killen.

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)

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 this Sunday.

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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