



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 92

How good it is to give thanks to the Eternal One!

How good it is to praise Your name with song, O Most High.

We speak of Your unfailing love in the morning

and we rehearse Your faithfulness as night begins to fall.

How good it is to praise You with the sound of instruments

and the stirring melodies of the voice.

Because You, O Eternal One, thrill us with the things You have done,

we will sing with joy in light of Your saving deeds.

Your works are marvelous, O Eternal One!

Your thoughts are unfathomable. How great You are!

*Hymn #625

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

[*refrain*] Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [*refrain*]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin, [*refrain*]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God how great thou art! [*refrain*]"

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy God,
Your thoughts are unfathomable
and your wisdom is beyond imagination.**

**Forgive us
when we have
preferred a simplistic faith
or settled for too-easy answers
or only skimmed across the surface of Faith, Hope, and Love.
For anything we have done against your Law of Love,
or failed to do when your Holy Spirit prompted us,
we ask for your mercy.**

**Hear our prayers of confession,
for our lives and for the world ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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

*Hymn #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.

Scripture – Luke 2:39-52

Response #458 (remain seated) *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

Sermon – Practicing Discipleship (part 1) - WISDOM

Hymn #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*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); Cody Hynes - 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 this week have been given to the glory of God by Michael & Chloe Napier in celebration of their 4th anniversary.

If you would like to contribute to the weekly flower arrangements, whether in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the board in the foyer. Arrangements are \$65 (payable to Northminster) and can be taken home with you or gifted to one of our homebound or sick members.

Annual Chili Cookoff and Bake Sale – January 26th

Sunday, January 26th, immediately following worship, join us for our annual chili cookoff and bake sale.

Anyone wanting to bring a dessert for the auction or bring your chili for the competition, please let us know on your blue response sheet. All funds donated through this event will go to our youth ministry.

Ushers and Greeters needed

Each week, we are blessed to be welcomed through our doors with joy and smiles. We would love for YOU to be one of those smiling faces. Our greeters also usher during the offering, passing the offering plates along the pews. If you are able to volunteer in this capacity, please sign up on the board in the foyer.

Adult/Youth Sunday School

“What’s in a name?” Shakespeare first asked that question, on the lips of his famous heroine Juliet. But we who study scripture might ask it as well. The Bible offers a wide and gorgeous array of names for God, and exploring them together will no doubt surface rich insights for our worship, our praying, and our witness to the world. Pastor Ralph will lead a study through February 9th exploring many of the Bible’s inspired names for the Divine. Come join him downstairs in the community room at 9:00AM.

Children’s Sunday School

Children will meet downstairs in room 123 at 9:30AM every Sunday morning. For adults wanting to attend Sunday School, you may take your children to the nursery room upstairs by the kitchen to wait with a leader until children’s Sunday School begins.

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: Mark Brown; Barbara Fatkin; Amy Maley;

Nita McCord; Michael Napier; Renea Preyna; Gregg Reed; Jeanne Roddenberry; Amanda Smith; 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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