



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

January 26, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 23

The Eternal One is our shepherd, God cares for us always.

**God provides us rest in rich, green fields  
beside streams of refreshing water.**

**God soothes our fears.**

God makes us whole again,  
steering us off worn, hard paths  
to roads where truth and righteousness echo The Name.

**Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness,  
we are not overcome by fear.**

Because You are with us in those darker moments,  
near with Your protection and guidance.  
We are comforted.

**You spread out a table before us,  
provisions in the midst of attack from our enemies.**

You care for all our needs, anointing our heads with soothing, fragrant oil,  
**filling our cups again and again with Your grace.**

\*Hymn #803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Generous God,  
you spread out a table before us,  
filling our cups again and again with Your grace.  
Forgive us,  
we pray, when we  
fail to share what you have so freely given,  
cling too tightly to the blessings you have entrusted to us,  
or worry too much about our creature comforts.**

**Set us free from ourselves  
and show us again the way of Jesus  
and his Law of Love.**

**Hear our silent prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Hymn #833, verses 1-3

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

\*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 7:36-50

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.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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Sermon – Practicing Discipleship (part 2) - HOSPITALITY

Hymn #761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

\*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 Larry & Margaret Cannon in loving memory of their daughter, Margaret Allison Cannon.

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 – Today

Today immediately following worship, join us for our annual chili cookoff and bake sale.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Office hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00-1:00; Sunday 7:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911