



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship, and always!**

*Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession — based on Psalm 25

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.
According to your steadfast love, remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.
For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great. [*over*]

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.**

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.

Remembering our Baptisms

*Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Commissioning of Dominican Republic Team

Hymn #1, verses 1-2

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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.

Prayer 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. (*Refrain*)

Sermon – Practicing Discipleship (part 3) - UNITY

Hymn #300

We All Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (*Refrain*)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (*Refrain*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*Refrain*)

*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 Amy Vogt in memory of her husband, Bob Vogt.

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.

Men's Breakfast – February 12

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

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
JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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