



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

February 16, 2025

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his.

**We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*Hymn #12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your law of love.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**Hear our silent prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn #441 (remain seated)                      *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

Remembering our Baptisms

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's 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 shall 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

\*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.**

Response #469 (remain seated)      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Old Testament Scripture – Psalm 1

New Testament Scripture – Luke 6:17-26

Sermon – Those God Blesses

Dr. Bryan Whitfield

Hymn #837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:* Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*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; Carter Eddlemon (Doug & Carol Holt's grandson)

### Sanctuary Flowers

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.

## **Adult Sunday School**

Today, Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield began Sunday School with an Invitation to the Lenten Journey. Next Sunday and March 2, John Patillo, Professor of Biology at Middle Georgia State University will lead classes on “The Sacred Chain.” John suggests some may want to read the book The Sacred Chain by Jim Stump, which will be the background for his sessions on how evolution and awareness of geological time can lead to a deeper faith. The book is available in hardback and on Kindle at this site - <https://a.co/d/eiZ9SZ1>. March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>, Bryan will return to lead us through N. T. Wright’s Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C, available at this site - <https://a.co/d/9oZUTDr>. There will be no Sunday School Easter Sunday. April 27-May 18, Andrew Gardner from Mercer University, will lead “Confronting Christian Nationalism.” We will then break for the summer.

## **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.

## **Children’s Sunday School**

Children 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.

## **Women’s Spring Bible Study**

All women are invited to gather for Bible Study beginning Wednesday, March 12th at 10AM in the community room. Jeanne Roddenberry will be leading our ladies through Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. Although books are not required for this study, they are available for purchase by anyone who would like; cost is \$17 and can be made payable to Northminster with “Bible Study” in the memo line.

### **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

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