



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

February 23, 2025

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

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 108

Our hearts are ready, O Lord,  
our hearts are ready!

**We will sing and make melody!**

**We will greet the dawn with song!**

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

\*Hymn #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against your Love.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**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.

Scripture – Luke 6:27-38

Sermon – Do it Anyway

Britany DiGiamarino

Hymn #724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

\*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**

Flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Sharon Sulkers in loving memory of her husband, Steve.

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**

Next Sunday, John Patillo, Professor of Biology at Middle Georgia State University will finish his class 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.

## **Shrove Tuesday**

All are invited to join us next Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6PM for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in the fellowship hall.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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