

NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday 2025



As Jesus rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Chimes

Welcome

Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Scripture – Luke 19:35-40

Jesus' disciples brought the animal to him, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Scripture – Psalm 118, selections

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God,
as together we enter Holy Week
and gather in your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
that united with him and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph
a city not made by human hands,
but the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory forever.
Hear our silent prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Hymn #196 (remain seated)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

*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.

Scripture – Luke 19:28-40

Sermon – People kept spreading their cloaks on the road

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.

*Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*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)

Maundy Thursday

Join us for our annual Maundy Thursday service this Thursday, April 17th at 6:00PM.

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 was our final week with Dr. Bryan Whitfield leading us through N. T. Wright's Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C. *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.

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.

Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 20th

All children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg hunt here at Northminster April 20th at 10:00AM.

One Great Hour of Sharing – April 20th Special Offering

Millions of people lack asset to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People-all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development. Their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering will be collected Easter Sunday, April 20th. Envelopes will be available at the welcome desk.

Office Hours

The Church office will be closed Thursday, April 24th through Monday, April 28th.

Women's Spring Bible Study

All women are invited to gather for Bible Study at 10AM in the community room every Wednesday through April 23rd. Jeanne Roddenberry will be leading our ladies through Elijah by Priscilla Shirer.

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

SAM ALDERMAN, III, Interim Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant