



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

For we know how dearly God loves us.

Because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with love.

I was glad when they said unto me.

Let us go to the house of the Lord.

*Hymn #612

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you sent the promised power of your Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith.**

**We confess that we have been slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit, draw us together.
Fill us with flaming desire to do your will and be a faithful people;
for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, who lived for us, who died for us, who rose in power for us, who prays for us.
Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished and gone, all things are made new.
Friends believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness #634, verse 1 *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Response #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 be Thy name, Thy Kingdom 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.

Old Testament Scripture – Genesis 11:1-9

New Testament Scripture – Acts 2:1-21

Hymn #286 (remain seated) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*Hymn #279

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

*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:* Betty Faulkner; 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 Roland and Judy Hill in celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow, June 9th.

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.

Children's Sunday School – Summer Schedule

Although the school year is winding down, we are excited to continue children's Sunday school June 29th! We continue to meet downstairs in room 123 starting at 9:30^{AM} for lessons, crafts, and snacks. We will break for the month of July and return August 3rd.

Montreat!

Northminster members will be joining several other Flint River Presbytery churches for another annual week at Montreat Conference Center in beautiful western North Carolina. Attending from our flock are Carolyn and Elizabeth Goode, CJ Preyna, and Sambo Alderman. Attending with them are Rosie Miles, Deb Tregaskis, and Pastor Ralph. They depart Saturday, June 7 and return Saturday, June 14. Let's be praying for a fun and faith-filled week of worship, preaching, and fellowship.

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, June 11th at 7^{AM}, Join us at H&H Soul Food Restaurant in downtown Macon for breakfast together and discussion of the life of David, this week: "Names" – 1 Samuel 16:1-13. This is a dutch treat activity.

5th Sunday Lunch

Sunday, June 29, all are invited to join us for our 5th Sunday Lunch in the fellowship hall. Please use your blue response sheet in the coming weeks to let us know if you plan to attend.

Summer office hours

From the week of June 8th through July 12th, the church office will only be open Mondays and Fridays from 9am-1pm. An insert with details is included in your bulletin or you may refer to your weekly email updates.

Pentecost PCUSA Special Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. This offering will be collected June 8.

Summer Reading Group

All are invited to celebrate with us, the 100th birthday of Georgia's own legendary Catholic novelist, Flannery O'Connor. We'll read a half dozen of her wild and wonderful stories from *The Short Stories of Flannery O'Connor*, then take a field trip to explore her home in Milledgeville. Our reading group will meet every two weeks in the evening via ZOOM. Stay tuned for dates, times, and short story selections! Led by Pastor Ralph and Betty Lamb.

Fall Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars for October 24-25 for our annual women's retreat and start thinking about who you can invite to participate. This year's theme is "The Tree of Life: Israel's Sages on the Search for Wisdom" featuring Dr. Christine Roy Yoder, the Richards Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur.

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, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911

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