



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

January 25, 2026	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	10:30AM
Gathering Music	<i>Toccata on "Amazing Grace"</i> Pamela Radford, organ	J. Christopher Pardini
Chimes		
Welcome		
Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i> Pamela Radford, organ	arr. Jason D. Payne
Opening Prayer		
Choral Introit	<i>Show Me, Lord</i>	After St. Bridget of Sweden; Taizé Community

Call to Worship – based on Matthew 3, the baptism of Jesus

One day, the One of whom John spoke—the promised Jesus—
came to the Jordan River from Galilee to be washed by John. At first, John demurred:
“I need to be cleansed by You. Why do You come to me”

Jesus responded: “It will be right, true, and faithful to God’s chosen path
for you to cleanse Me with your hands in the Jordan River.”

John agreed, and he baptized Jesus, dousing Him in the waters of the Jordan.

Jesus emerged from his baptism; and at that moment heaven was opened,
and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him,
alighting on His very body. He heard a Voice from heaven:

“This is My Son, whom I love; this is the Apple of My eye; with Him I am well pleased.”

Hymn No. 475 (standing) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy God,
we remember your voice at Jesus’ baptism:
“With him I am well pleased.”**

**Forgive us for the moments when you are not pleased with us:
when we have done what we should not have done, [over]**

**when we have failed to love well,
when we have held on to regrets, grudges, and annoyances
for far too long.**

**Come, thou fount of every blessing:
wash us clean from the past,
cleanse us for today,
mark us as your beloved for the future.**

Hear our prayers in Jesus' name ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Matthew 3:13-17

Response No. 612 (seated)

We Praise You, O God

verse 1

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.

Remembering our Baptisms

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism of Samuel James Napier

Hymn No. 486 (seated)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Come, Thou Fount

Robert Robinson,
from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, arr. Eric Nelson

Doxology No. 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.

Scripture – 1 Samuel 3:1-18

Sermon – Christian Discipleship in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

(or, *Will you bring personal humanoid robot to church?*)

Part Two – Samuel, learn to listen for the Lord's voice, probably at night

Hymn No. 837 (standing)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Charge and Benediction

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.

Corporate and Congregational Meeting



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.

Current Member Concerns: Shelby Duffy; Jane Prentice; Jane Ebey; Evelyn Clark; Rex & Nita Tidwell; Joan Walker; Mary Alice Wilson; Annette Hutto; Sarah Morrow - *Current Friends and Family Concerns:* Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Karen Kuebel (Betty Lamb's niece, sodium deficiency); Christopher Oxford (Isabel Davis's grandson); Rhonda Weaver; Suzann Smith's sister-in-law (severe vision problems); Kimberly Lewis (Frenchie Bowen's niece); Louise Sallstrom; Kyra Osmus; Lucile Hawkins – *Military Personnel Prayer List:* Austin Riley (David & Liz Riley's son); Joshua Sulkers (Sharon Sulkers' son); James Watwood; Carter Eddlemon (Doug & Carol Holt's grandson); James Barefoot, Austin Jones, and James Hawkins (family friends of Jennifer Whitehead)

We pray this week for our sister congregations in the Flint River Presbytery: Beth Salem Presbyterian Church in Columbus, GA.

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Michael & Chloe Napier in celebration of their 5th Anniversary and the baptism of their son, Samuel.

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.

Congregational & Corporate Meeting – Today

All members, please stay after the service for a brief congregational meeting to vote on Ralph's terms of call and participate in our annual corporate meeting.

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the community room Sunday mornings at 9AM. Children's Sunday School, for all in 5th grade and under, are invited to join us at 9:30AM in the Kidventure room upstairs near the fellowship hall. Childcare begins at 9AM for parents wanting to attend Sunday School.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. -- Psalm 108:1 (NIV)

Bell Choir rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Vocal choir meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 p.m. All are invited to join in!

Donate Soup for the SouperBowl of Caring!

The SouperBowl of Caring at Loaves and Fishes Ministry will be Sunday February 8, 2026. Northminster is invited to the Party to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen at the Ministry and to donate cans of soup to help stock the food pantry shelves. Bring your cans of soup anytime between now and Super Bowl Sunday. As always, Thank you for being a part of this vital Macon Ministry!!

All things property

If you have a concern or question about our building and property, please speak to or contact elder Brad Miles, so he and the property committee can address it. His information can be found on the 2026 Elder Contact bulletin insert.

Committee Meetings – February 8th

Sunday, February 8th, all committees will be meeting immediately following worship. If you would like to join a committee or simply see what it's about, please contact the corresponding elder listed in your bulletin's insert.

Annual Pancake Supper – February 17th

Join us February 17th at 5:30PM for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! This dinner is always a church-wide favorite as we express our thanks for God's bountiful blessings through food and fellowship before beginning our Lenten season of reflection over Christ's sacrifice for us. Please let us know on your blue response sheet if you plan to attend so we can plan food accordingly.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip needs plastic grocery bags!

When we give our medications to the patients from the pharmacy, it is nice to have a sack to put them all in. Please bring in clean dry grocery bags for us to take with us. If you are feeling extra spunky, smooth them out flat and put them in a neat pile. But we'll take them however you bring them!

Contact Pastor Ralph

Ralph welcomes any and all forms of contact at any time: phone, text, email, in-person. Do reach out if conversation, prayer, and/or a visit would be a blessing to you. A normal work week includes working from home on Mondays; office time, meetings, and visitation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and normally Fridays as a day off. Weekends often include congregational and presbytery activities. cell: 478-250-3355 email: pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org

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: Scott Emener; Amy Maley; Nita McCord;

Brad Miles; Renae Preyna; Gregg Reed; Jeanne Roddenberry; Amanda Smith; Sharon Sulkers; Natalie Vernon

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder DAVID KENNEY, SR., Music Director 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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