



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

February 8, 2026

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

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

*Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now*

KEDRON, Southern Harmony, 1835  
arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 125

All who have faith in the Eternal One stand as a mountain:

**unmoved, enduring, eternal.**

Just as the mountains around Jerusalem embrace her,

**the Eternal One, too, wraps around those who belong to Him.**

This is a blessing,

**for this moment and for every moment to come.**

For wickedness will not get the upper hand.

**It shall not rule the land where righteous people live.**

Be good, Eternal One, to those who are good,

**to those who are filled with integrity.**

Hymn No. 848 (standing)

*Trust in God*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Those who trust in you, O God,  
stand as mountains unmoved.  
That is the promise of the psalm.**

**Forgive us, then,  
for trusting in faulty promises,  
for fixing our own foundations,  
for trading worship for worry.**

**Set us free from all the powers  
that have nothing to do with you.**

**Hear our prayers of confession ...**

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Response No. 441 (seated)

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian *Declaration of Faith*

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross  
God achieved and demonstrated once for all  
the costly forgiveness of our sins.  
Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.  
He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,  
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,  
accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.  
In his lonely agony on the cross  
Jesus felt forsaken by God  
and thus experienced hell itself for us.

**Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.  
He was acting on behalf of God,  
manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself  
the loneliness, pain, and death  
that result from our waywardness.  
In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not holding our sins against us.  
Each of us beholds on the cross  
the Savior who died in our place,  
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,  
but for him.  
In him is our only hope of salvation.**

Remembering Our Baptisms

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Commissioning of Dominican Republic Participants

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Light of Grace*

AI Generator

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.**

Hymn No. 468 (seated)

*In My Life*

Scripture – Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon – Christian Discipleship in the Age of Artificial Intelligence  
(or, *Will you bring personal humanoid robot to church?*)  
Part Four – Christianity is a Complete Waste of Time

Hymn No. 848 (standing)

*Trust in God*

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.

Postlude

*Amazing Grace*

Virginia Harmony, 1831; arr. Diane Bish



## 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; 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)

### 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 & Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the community room Sunday mornings at 9AM. Children's Sunday School, for all in 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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!

### Committee Meetings – Today

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Donate Soup for the SouperBowl of Caring! - Today**

The SouperBowl of Caring at Loaves and Fishes Ministry is today! 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. If you have not yet brought your cans to the church, you are welcome to take them directly to Loaves & Fishes. As always, Thank you for being a part of this vital Macon Ministry!!

### **Men's Breakfast – February 11<sup>th</sup>**

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, at 7AM Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a dutch treat event.

### **Annual Pancake Supper – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join us February 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto: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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