



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

10:30AM

Chimes

Scripture – Matthew 21:6-11

Hymn No. 196 (standing)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Cloaks and Palm Branches

R. Ávila, G. Suppe, & A. Schutmaat

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Eternal because He is always good.

God never ceases to be loving and kind.

Let the people of his covenant proclaim:

“God never ceases to be loving and kind.”

Open wide to me the gates of justice

so that I may walk through them

and offer praise and worship to the Eternal.

This is the gate of the Eternal;

the righteous children of God will go through it.

I will praise You because You answered me when I was in trouble.

You have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation.

[over]

This is the work of the Eternal,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Eternal God has made;
let us celebrate and be happy today.

Sermon for our Children

Hymn No. 197, verses 1-2 (seated) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for Jesus, our Lord,
who came in your name
and turned the lonely way of rejection and death
into life-changing triumph.
Grant us steadfast faith
to enter the gates of righteousness,
that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens
of your holy realm.**

Hear our prayers of confession ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Response No. 197, verse 3 (seated) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

I Will Arise!

Joseph Hart & Howard Helvey

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. 198, verses 1-2 (seated) *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

Scriptures – Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon for All – Gates of Jerusalem, gates of life

Hymn No. 198, verses 3-4 (standing) *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

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

Recessional on "To God Be the Glory"

Douglas E Wagner



Information & Announcements

Welcome, percussionist Dr. Marcus Reddick!

Today we welcome back Dr. Reddick to Northminster. Marcus played for worship during advent and we are please he is joining us today for our Palm Sunday worship.

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: 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; Barbara Barczak (Bernadette Preyna's sister) – *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.

2026 Easter Lilies

Every year, Northminster congregants help fill our sanctuary with potted Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. These flowers represent beautiful memories of loved ones with celebration for their life. Please see your blue sheet for information about having a lily for your loved one(s). After worship on Easter morning, lilies can be taken home or taken to someone you know who could appreciate their beauty. Cost is \$15 each; checks can be made payable to the church with "lilies" in the memo line. *This is the last day to order*

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the community room Sunday mornings at 9AM. There will be no Sunday School Easter morning. Our next lessons, led by pastor Ralph, will begin April 12th and continue through the end of May before we take a summer break. 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

Bell rehearsals resume this Wednesday, April 1st at 6PM in the library. Vocal choir meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 p.m. All are invited to ring and sing!

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.

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

Monthly Newsletters

Each month, the church sends out a newsletter with updates on upcoming activities, what our members have been up to, Presbytery information, activity within our community and more! Oftentimes, there is extra information in the newsletter that you might not find in your weekly emails. If you are not receiving a digital copy (via email) or a paper copy (via postal mail) and would like to get one, please let Jennifer in the church office know: admin@northminstermacon.org or 478-318-7911

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

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