

EASTER SUNDAY



April 5, 2026

Northminster Presbyterian Church

10:30AM

Chimes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gospel Reading – Mark 16:1-8

Choral Prelude

Forth He Came at Easter
Pat McCall, violin & viola

J. M. C. Crum, arr. David H. Williams

Call to Worship – based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Alleluia! Jesus is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has given us new life and hope.

God has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Jesus our Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Hymn No. 245 (standing)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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

Jesus was dead and buried,
but God raised him from the dead.
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.
They recognized him as their Master
who had been crucified.
Before Jesus left them,
he commissioned them to proclaim to all people
the good news of his victory over death,
and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives.

**He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.**

He lives as one of us with God.

**Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord.

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Anthem

An Easter Celebration

O FILII ET FILIAE, VICTORY, MACCABEUS,
& EASTER HYMN; setting by Craig Courtney

Scripture – Luke 24:13-25, selections

Sermon – **Two Days, Two Meals:** Order your supper To Go

Hymn No. 248 (seated)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Remembering our Baptisms

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

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.

Communion Music

Goodness of God

J. Johnson, J. Ingram, E. Cash,
B. Fielding, & B. Johnson

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, dip it in a cup from the elders, and then return to the pew. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Unison Prayer

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

Hymn No. 233 (standing)

The Day of Resurrection!

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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN,
arr. Mark Sedio



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: 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

Today's Easter lilies have been given to the Glory of God by members of the congregation in memory and honor of loved ones.

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.

Men's Breakfast – April 8th

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, April 8th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the community room Sunday mornings at 9AM. 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

Due to David's vacation this coming week, Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, April 15th as follows: Bell Choir 6:00-6:45PM in the library (upstairs); Vocal Choir 7:00-8:15PM in the choir room (downstairs). All are invited to ring and sing!

Women's Bible Study

Please join us for our spring Bible study led by Mark Montgomery, our incoming pastoral intern. Mark is someone we are so fortunate to have join us for the next 10 weeks. Our first study begins Wednesday, April 22nd and will continue through May 27th in the community room downstairs. We will have our usual two sessions each Wednesday, one at 10:00AM and the other at 6:00PM.

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

All rights reserved, OneLicense #A-715604