



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

April 5, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

guest organist, Susan McDuffie

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 16

I will bless the Eternal One, whose wise teaching orchestrates my days  
and centers my mind at night.

**God is ever present with me;  
at all times the Lord goes before me.**

I will not live in fear or abandon my calling,  
because God stands at my right hand.

**This is a good life—my heart is glad, my soul is full of joy,  
and my body is at rest.**

Who could want for more?

You, God, will not abandon me to experience death or the grave  
**or leave me to remain alone.**

Hymn No. 246, verses 1-4 (standing)

*Christ Is Alive!*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Creator of the universe,  
you made the world in beauty,  
and restore all things in glory  
through the victory of Jesus your Christ.**

**We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured  
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,  
the new creation in Jesus may appear in justice, love, and peace,  
to the glory of your name.**

**Hear now our own prayers of confession ...**

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Response No. 246, verse 5 (seated) Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this an every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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**

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

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. 250 (seated) *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Scriptures – Acts 2:22-32

Sermon – The Apostle Peter's Three Point Miniature Easter Sermon

Hymn No. 248 (standing) *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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



## 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; Kimberly Lewis (Frenchie Bowen's niece); Louise Sallstrom; Kyra Osmus; Lucile Hawkins; Barbara Barczak (Bernadette Preyna's sister); Barbara Hayes (Bernadette Preyna's friend, cardiac issues) – *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 flowers have been given to the glory of God by Virginia Cowsert and Lala Scales in loving memory of the wonderful friend and Northminster member, Shelby Duffy.

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. Our lessons, led by pastor Ralph, began this morning and will continue through the end of May before we take a summer break. 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

Due to David's vacation this coming week, Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Youth Car Wash – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Come to the church Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10AM and 1PM to help our middle and high school youth wash their way to Montreat! Pollen season is long-lasting in Macon, so we know your car will want a refresh and what better way to have it cleaned than by our very own youth! Your donations will go to help cover the cost of both high school and middle school Montreat conferences. This year, we have four high schoolers and two middle schoolers who will be attending these summer events. *\*If the weather does not cooperate, we will have a "rain-out" day the following Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, also from 10-1.*

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through May 27<sup>th</sup> in the community room downstairs. We will have our usual two sessions each Wednesday, one at 10:00AM and the other at 6:00PM.

## **Let's play some pickleball for Loaves & Fishes! – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

April is Pickleball month and a great time to support the Loaves and Fishes "Take-a-bite out of hunger" fundraiser! Two events will take place on Saturday, April 18th. In the morning, beginners can take an introductory pickleball lesson and enjoy friendly games with other beginners from churches all over Macon. In the afternoon, experienced players can compete in a tournament with members of other congregations. Each event costs \$20 and includes lunch.

You can sign up at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/take-a-bite-out-of-hunger-pickleball-event>. For more information, ask Liz Riley or Jeanne Roddenberry.

## **Welcome, Intern Mark Montgomery!**

Beginning tomorrow, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming Mark Montgomery to Northminster, shadowing pastor Ralph and learning all work that encompasses pastoral ministry in our tradition. Mark and his wife, Rita, are members of First Presbyterian in Columbus and since retiring as an elementary school music teacher, Mark has been called into this new realm of ministry. Already familiar with and active in rolls such as chaperoning at Montreat, helping college students through Abbey campus ministry, teaching classes and attending mission trips, he is excited to take this next step in his journey through seminary and we are blessed to have him with us!

### **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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