



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Trusting Jesus

Ira Sankey, arr. Mary McDonald

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord

Scottish Psalter, 1929 (words)
& Day's *Psalter*, 1562 (music)

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 116

I love the Eternal; for not only does God hear
my voice, my pleas for mercy,
**But God leaned down when I was in trouble
and brought an ear close to me.**
So as long as I have breath,
I will call on God.
Once I was wound in the wrappings of death;
the terror of the grave had a grip on me.
Then I called on the name of the Eternal.
So as long as I have breath,
I will call on God.

Hymn No. 233 (standing)

The Day of Resurrection!

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
[over]

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made good.

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus, the risen Lord.**

Hear our prayers ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture – Psalm 116:12-19

Response No. 243 (seated)

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch (words)
& David M. Kenney, Sr. (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. 240 (seated)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Scriptures – 1 Peter 1:17-23

Sermon – “so that your trust and hope are in God”

Hymn No. 238 (standing)

Thine Is the Glory

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

Psalm 117

Emma Lou Diemer

(Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!)



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); Melissa & Chad Bamsey and daughter, Emma (Gregg & Julie Reed's granddaughter who has been diagnosed with cancer & her parents) – *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.

Welcome, Mark Montgomery!

We are so pleased to have Mark Montgomery serving in ministry among us until mid-June as our seminary pastoral intern. He will be practicing ministry in every area of our life together as a congregation. Reach out to Mark for the same pastoral reasons you might reach out to Ralph, and also feel free to take him to lunch, have him over for dinner, or invite him to join you in your own church work.

(706) 587-3987 or mrmont@bellsouth.net

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 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

Choir Rehearsals are held every Wednesday 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 2nd

Come to the church Saturday, May 2nd 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 9th, also from 10-1.*

Women's Bible Study

Please join us for our spring Bible study led by Mark Montgomery, our 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.

Let's play some pickleball for Loaves & Fishes! – April 18th

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.

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

MARK MONTGOMERY, Pastoral Intern 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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