



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Melody, arr. Diane Bish

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord

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

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 23

The Eternal is our shepherd, God cares for us always.

**God provides us rest in rich, green fields,
beside streams of refreshing water.**

God makes us whole again, steering us off worn, hard paths
to roads where truth and righteousness echo his name.

Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness,
we are not overcome by fear.

Because You are with us in those dark moments,
near with Your protection and guidance.

You spread out a table before us,
provisions in the midst of struggle with our enemies.

We will always be with the Eternal,
in Your house forever.

Hymn No. 238 (standing)

Thine Is the Glory

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

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

[over]

**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 our prayers in his name ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture – Colossians 1:9-14

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

Walk Worthy of the Lord

J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin

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.

Scripture – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Hymn No. 630 (seated)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Sermon – By his wounds we have been healed

Hymn No. 260 (standing)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Marianne Kim



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

Today's flowers have been given to the glory of God by Lynn Davis in loving gratitude for her children, grandchildren, and church family.

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, 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. This study meets every Wednesday 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.

Men’s Breakfast – May 13th

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, May 13th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

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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