



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

*Meditation on "O Waly Waly"*

Trad. English Tune  
arr. D.M.K., Sr., ed. D.M.K., Jr.

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

words: Psalm 103:1  
music: Anonymous

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits  
**who forgives all our iniquities,  
who heals all our diseases,**

who redeems our lives from the Pit,  
**who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies us with good as long as we live.**

Hymn No. 463 (standing)

*How Firm a Foundation*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Almighty God,  
Your word offers freedom from sin,  
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.  
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;  
we have been deceitful in our relationships;  
we have been insincere in our commitments;  
through gossip we have slandered our friends.**  
[over]

**Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.  
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk  
that we may grow into the joy of salvation  
through Jesus Christ.**

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture – Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Hymn No. 409 (seated)

*God Is Here*

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

*The Gift of Love*

Hal H. Hopson

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 2:2-10

Hymn (seated)

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

verse 1

Christ is made the sure foundation. Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

Sermon – From Rejected Stone to Living Stones

Hymn No. 321 (standing)

*The Church's One Foundation*

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

*Christ is Our Cornerstone*

From Parish Choir, 1851



## 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 Charlotte Nolan in loving memory of her husband, Jim Nolan.

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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under, are invited to join us at 9:30AM in the Kidventure room upstairs near the fellowship hall.

### 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).

## **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 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.

## **Men's Breakfast – May 13<sup>th</sup>**

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 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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