



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Albert Lister Peace

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 66

Shout out to God, all the earth.

Erupt with joy to the one True God!

Sing of the glory due God's good name!

Offer God the most magnificent praises!

Say to God, "All You have done is wondrous and causes awe!"

Your power is mighty, and Your enemies submit to You.

The entire earth will bow down to worship You
and will sing glory-songs to You;

They will sing praises to Your name! And so do we.

Hymn No. 260 (standing)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Scripture – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon – "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone"

Hymn Insert (seated)

Love Lifted Me

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – John 14:15-21

Response No. 243 (seated)

Be not Afraid

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

Remembering the Law of Love – based on Matthew 22:37-40

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of God's law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Offertory Music

Love Lifted Me
Mark Montgomery, recorder

James Rowe & Joseph Martin

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...

Communion Music

D. M. K.

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



*** CHRIST'S DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND COMING IN GLORY**



The 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.

Sung Response

*AMEN



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, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

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. 542 (standing)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

from *Stralsund Gesangsbuch*
arr. Diane Bish



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.

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

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 Doug and Carol Holt in celebration of their granddaughter, Carolyn Cate Eddlemon, graduating from the University of Georgia.

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, 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.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Handbell choir will meet Wednesday, May 13th, from 6:00-6:45PM in the library (upstairs) to prepare to play in worship on May 17th. Bells will then be on summer break and resume in August. Vocal choir continues to meet from 7:00-8:15PM in the choir room (downstairs) every Wednesday.

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.

Fellowship Lunch – June 7th

Our 5th Sunday lunch falls in the very busy month of May, so we will instead hold this lunch Sunday, June 7th. Mark's time with us will be winding down so this lunch will be to celebrate him. Our own David Kenney, Sr. will be leading us in a hymn sing at the lunch! Please sign up on your blue response sheet to help us know how much food to prepare.

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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