



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Morning Bells

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

words: Psalm 103:1; music: Anonymous

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 104

All of your creatures look to You
to give them nourishment when the time is right.

When You feed, they gather what You supply.

When You open Your hand, they are filled with good food.

When You withdraw Your presence, they are dismayed.

When You revoke their breath, the life goes out of them,

and they become, again, the dust of the earth from which You formed them at the start.

When You send out Your breath, life is created,

and the face of the earth is made beautiful and is renewed.

May the glorious presence of the Eternal linger among us forever.

And may God rejoice in the greatness of God's own works.

God, Who rattles the earth with a glance;

God, Who sets mountains to smoking with a touch.

I will sing to the Eternal all of my life;

We will call on our good God as long as we live.

Hymn No. 41 (standing)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy Spirit,

we remember the prayer of the psalmist:

When You send out Your breath, life is created,

and the face of the earth is made beautiful and is renewed. [over]

**Often we lose our breath in the busyness of our business.
Forgive us for running too hard
or down paths that do not matter
or after pursuits that do not save us.**

**Breathe into us again the life of Jesus' resurrection.
Fill our lungs with the good news of Easter.
Hear now our silent prayers ...**

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Acts 1:6-14

Remembering our Baptisms

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!

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

O Worship the King

Joseph Martin Kraus
arr. Anna Laura Page

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 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Choral Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sermon – “Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

Hymn No. 465 (standing)

What a Friend We Have in 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

Jubilate
(Shout with Joy to God)

Gordon Young

Congregational Meeting



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 Gwen Kitchens in celebration of her grandson, Nathan Graham Kitchens, graduating from Clemson University.

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

We thank our Handbell Choir for ringing today and for all the effort put forth this past year. Bell rehearsals will 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.

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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