



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

American Melody, arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn No. 331 (standing)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Scriptures – Exodus 19:2-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:23

Sermon – Witnessing to Our Own

Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek

Hymn No. 340 (seated)

This is My Song

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Spirit of grace,

you are beyond our understanding,

the one from whom we come and the one to whom we will go.

You delight in us; you accept us.

Yet, so often we find it hard to accept your forgiveness.

So once again, we come to your fountain of grace.

[over]

**Forgive us for withholding grace from others.
Help us to accept that we are accepted,
to find freedom from our mistakes and messes,
and to breathe in your liberating love,
that we might join you in the great renewal of creation
and cultivate hope and justice for all people.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn No. 649, verses 1-3 (seated) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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

Remembering Our Baptisms

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...

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.

Communion Music

Edward Clark, saxophone

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. 733 (standing)

We All Are One in Mission

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

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN,

(words written by The Rev. Dr. Daniel Crane Roberts in 1876,
to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United States
Declaration of Independence)

music by George William Warren, arr. Steven Scott



Information & Announcements

Welcome Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek!

Today we welcome Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek to lead our worship. Marilyn is the pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Forsyth and Barnesville. For many years, she was also our presbytery's campus minister at Mercer University. Ralph is preaching today at the Forsyth and Barnesville churches. Marilyn and Ralph, beloved colleagues, last swapped pulpits in February of 2019. Welcome back, Marilyn!

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 - *Current Friends and Family Concerns:* Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Karen Kuebel (Betty Lamb's niece, sodium deficiency); Christopher Oxford (Isabel Davis's grandson); Kimberly Lewis (Frenchie Bowen's niece); Louise Sallstrom; Kyra Osmus; Melissa & Chad Bamsey and daughter, Emma (Gregg & Julie Reed's granddaughter who has been diagnosed with cancer & her parents), Suzann Smith's brother, Henry (shoulder replacement) – *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 Donna Shuford in celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary of independence and in loving honor of her brother, Jim Weaver's birthday.

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.

Men's Breakfast – July 8th

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, July 8th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

Christmas in July – Supporting our Backpack Ministry

Each year, we gather gifts used to fund our backpack ministry, supplying weekly bags of food to children at Rosa Taylor Elementary school throughout their school year. We are partnered with the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank to provide many of the foods we use. This year, we ask that you consider supporting this ministry in the following ways: •Financial gifts (whether a one-time gift or monthly donations)•Shelf-stable foods and Plastic grocery bags. Thank you for your generous giving!

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Our handbell choir will be ringing on July 19th, in honor of our family from the Dominican Republic. Rehearsals will be in the library NEXT Sunday, July 12th, after the service, and Wednesday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Our vocal choir is on break and will resume rehearsals August 19th.

Thank you, church family!

From Allen and Barbara Fatkin: Friday, June 26th was a special day for Jack, Paul, Jane-Marie, Allen, Barbara, Suzanne and Betsy. Jack had his favorite meal cooked by Pastor Ralph and more than 40 church friends celebrated his 8th birthday. He, nor we, will ever forget that night. When Barbara and I walked in this church for the first time eight years ago, we knew we had found a home. this congregation and its pastor continue to demonstrate this week-in and week-out. We will never forget the support shown by all of you during this time. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Before the party, Jack told everybody he saw that his church was giving him a birthday party. That night, Jack said, best party ever and thank you for all the fun gifts.

You're invited! Free Organ Concert – July 26th

Three Sundays from now, July 26th at 3pm, please plan to attend a solo organ concert by David M. Kenney, Jr. Admission is FREE, but any funds collected will support the baseball ministry in the Dominican Republic. This will also be on the heels of "Christmas in July", so there will be a bit of Christmas music included!

Visit from the Radney family – July 17-29

Our wonderful friends, Pastor Pedro Radney and his family, will be visiting Macon July 17th through the 29th. We have several fun activities planned while they are here, including a birthday party for their youngest son, Sebastian on July 19th, the Atlanta Braves game July 22nd, and some family activities they can do on their first visit to America. During their stay in town, we'd especially love our church family to welcome them with meals. Whether that's taking them to a restaurant with you and your family, inviting them to your home for lunch or dinner, or taking food to them at their AirBnB, we want you to be involved. Please reach out to Jeanne Roddenberry (jerodden93@gmail.com or 478-955-9356) or Jennifer Whitehead (admin@northminstermacon.org or 478-318-7911) or sign up on your response sheet to be added to our list of saints who would like to join this "welcome wagon".

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
SAM ALDERMAN, III, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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