



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clank
(1626); arr. Mary McDonald

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on hymn 612

We praise you, O God — our Redeemer and our Creator.

In grateful devotion a tribute we bring to you this day.

We lay our tribute of worship before you;

we kneel and adore and praise you.

We bless your holy name.

Glad praises we sing.

Hymn No. 612 (standing)

We Praise You, O God

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Our Redeemer and Creator:

**In the dying and rising of Jesus,
you have set us free from slavery
to sin**

to ourselves

to any power or persuasion.

Forgive us

for returning again to bondage

for following lies instead of truth

for looking for freedom where it cannot be found.

Restore us to your liberty

so that we may serve you

and one another

and your world in love.

Hear our prayers ... [silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Galatians 5:22-26

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian *Declaration of Faith*

**The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe.
Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus
love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.
We believe the Holy Spirit works today
whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
but the Spirit's presence assures us
God will complete what he has begun in us.**

Hymn No. 286 (seated)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Remembering our Baptisms

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Christ Has Set Us Free
(based on Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 18, 22-25)
Rosie Miles, soprano

WORDS: David Michael Kenney, Sr.
MUSIC: John Stafford Smith

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.

Hymn No. 66 (seated)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Scripture – Galatians 5:1-15

Sermon – We are free!... to be slaves (to one another)

Hymn No. 853 (standing)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

We are *marching* in the light of God...
We are *praying* in the light of God...
We are *singing* in the light of God...

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.



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 - *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 Pat McCall in loving memory of her mother, Ada McCall, to celebrate her birthday and the beautiful blessings she left upon this world.

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.

Lunch next Sunday, July 19th

Our wonderful friends, Pastor Pedro Radney and his family, will be visiting Macon July 17th through the 29th. We are having a birthday party for their youngest son, Sebastian, after worship. There will be pizza, sides, cake and ice cream! Be sure to join us in the fellowship hall.

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 TODAY, 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.

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

Two Sundays from today, 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. Invite all of your music-loving and baseball-loving friends!

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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