



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place

Doris Akers, arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Romans 8

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting,
God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along.
If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter.
The Spirit does our praying in and for us,
making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.
He knows us far better than we know ourselves,
knows our condition, and keeps us present before God.
That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God
is worked into something good.

Hymn No. 611 (standing)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not always loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love,
but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering Our Baptisms

Scripture – 1 John 1:5-7

Response No. 765 (seated)

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Affirmation of Faith – Presbyterian *Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

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 – John 14, selections

Hymn No. 458 (seated)

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Sermon – The good news of WYSIWYG

Hymn No. 846 (standing)

Fight the Good Fight

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

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Farley Castle; Henry Lawes



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

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.

Sunday Studies Now in Session!

Both adult and children's Sunday School have resumed. Our "Kidventures" group, led by Virginia Cowsert, begins at 9:30am. Be sure to invite a friend! Adult Sunday studies, led by pastor Ralph, begins at 9:00am and will cover the book of Job. Childcare begins at 9 for parents wanting to attend adult studies.

Committee Meetings – Today after worship

Each of our ten committees will be convening to discuss plans and needs for the remainder of the calendar year. Please see the corresponding elder to see where in the building your committee will be meeting:

- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith
- Adult Discipleship & Fellowship – Nita McCord
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Renae Preyna
- Congregational Care – Amy Maley
- Membership Engagement – Natalie Vernon
- Worship – Sharon Sulkers
- Finance – Gregg Reed
- Property – Brad Miles
- Personnel – Scott Emener
- Outreach & Mission – Jeanne Roddenberry*

*All are welcome to join the outreach meeting in the fellowship hall even if you are not part of the committee! We will share updates and make plans for all our outreach and mission work including updates and a visit from the Haugans, our foreign missionaries, updates and plans with Loaves and Fishes, our downtown mission, and our trip to the Dominican Republic in spring 2027.

Men's Breakfast – This Wednesday, August 12th

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, August 12th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Our vocal choir has begun leading hymns through the month of August. If you have never sung with the choir and just want a different view of the sanctuary during worship, come and join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. I will have bulletins and copies of the hymns ready for you. Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 19: Handbell ringers meet at 6:00 p.m. in the library (upstairs, entrance to the left of the information desk). Vocalists meet at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room (downstairs, make a hard left out of the elevator, OR park out back and enter the door on the right under the large canopy). Those in the congregation who typically sit in the pews are welcome to join either or both choirs at any time. Just bring your wrists, arms, vocal cords, and willing spirits, and I will find a place for you! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!!

5th Sunday Lunch – August 30th

August 30th will be the 5th Sunday of the month, and that means food and fellowship! Let us know on your blue response sheet if you plan to attend the lunch which will be held in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

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

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00-1:00; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911

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