



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Spiritual, arr. Diane Bish

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 139

O Eternal One, You have explored our hearts and know exactly who we are.

You even know the small details

like when we take a seat and when we stand up again.

Even when we are far away, You know what we're thinking.

You observe our wanderings and our sleeping, our waking and our dreaming.

You know what we're going to say long before we say it.

It is true, Eternal One, that You know everything and everyone.

You have surrounded us on every side, behind us and before us,
and You have placed Your hand gently on our shoulders.

It is the most amazing feeling to know how deeply You know us, inside and out.

The realization of it is so great that we cannot comprehend it, so we worship instead!

Hymn No. 29 (standing)

O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139)

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Lord, you are a God who keeps promises.

**In our prayers and songs we often say
that we want to be Christians,
but then we forget our promises.**

Our actions do not always match up with our words.

**We say mean things to other people,
we hurt their feelings,
we think of ourselves first,
and, worst of all, we ignore you.**

**Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer
for Jesus' sake ... [silent prayer]**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

Remembering Our Baptisms

Response No. 729 (seated)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

My Jesus, I Love Thee

William Featherstone
& Adoniram Gordon

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. 839 (seated)

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
O What a Foretaste of Glory Divine!*

Sermon – “There are many rooms in my Father's House.”

Hymn No. 634 (standing)

To God Be the Glory

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

Come and Go with Me to My Father's House

arr. Kenneth Louis



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.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Our vocal choir will continue to lead 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. Bulletins and copies of the hymns will be ready for you. Choir rehearsals will resume *THIS* 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. *Please bring a side dish to share.*

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.

Stated Session Meeting – Monday, August 17

Our session will meet for their next stated meeting tomorrow, August 17th at 6pm. Thank you to everyone who attended last week's committee meetings, helping us stay informed, prepare faithfully, and fulfill our mission to make disciples, grow in faith together, and serve others in Christ.

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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May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You, by Peter Sutcliffe.

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