



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. from Robert Lowry

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Matthew 6:24-34

Do not worry about our lives, what we will eat or what we will drink,
or about our bodies, what we will wear.

Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

Are we not of more value to God than they?

And which of us by worrying can add a single hour to span of life?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.

They neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even old King Solomon in all his glory
was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field

–alive today and tomorrow gone –

will God not much more clothe us?

Let us seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,

and all these other things will be given to us as well.

Hymn No. 20 (standing)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God our Creator,

You have made all things good

by the power of your living word.

You feed the sparrows

and clothe the lilies of the field.

You formed us in your image

and gave us life abundant in Jesus. [over]

**Forgive us for
wasting your precious gifts
worshiping empty idols
living too anxiously about too many unknowns.**

**Set us free from our past
Speak to us in this present hour
Send us forth to follow Jesus
in your promised future.**

Hear our prayers...

[silent prayer]

Scripture – Psalm 32:1-5

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn No. 375 (seated), verses 1 & 4 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Remembering Our Baptisms

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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Oley Speaks

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. 686 (seated)

God of Our Life

Sermon – Do not let your hearts be troubled

Hymn No. 726 (standing)

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Chas H. Gabriel,
arr. Robert W. Thygerson



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

Flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Larry, Margaret, and Bethany Cannon in loving memory of Larry and Margaret's daughter, Bethany's mother, Margaret Alison Cannon.

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.

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.

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 have resumed every Wednesday: 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!!

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

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