



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 6, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Clara H. Scott

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Will L. Thompson

Call to Worship – based on some meal stories in the gospels

When tired and hungry crowds found Jesus during his time away

he multiplied bread and fish until everyone was fed.

When tax collectors Jesus called then welcomed him

he and ate and drank with all who needed his grace.

When the time came for Jesus' last Passover meal

he ate with his disciples and washed their feet.

When the risen Jesus met his bewildered followers on the road

he broke bread with them and their eyes we opened.

Open our eyes today, O Lord!

Open our eyes today.

Hymn No. 501 (standing)

Feed Us Lord

Scripture – Luke 5:27-32

Sermon – Appetizers with the Internal Revenue Service

Hymn No. 504 (seated)

We Come as Guests Invited

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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

**We believe that at the Lord's supper
the community of believers is renewed
by the memory of Christ's life and death,
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and by the promise of his coming again.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.
He offers us his body broken for our sake
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.
In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.
So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Anthem

Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm

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.

Remembering our Baptisms

Hymn No. 501 (seated)

Feed Us Lord

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.

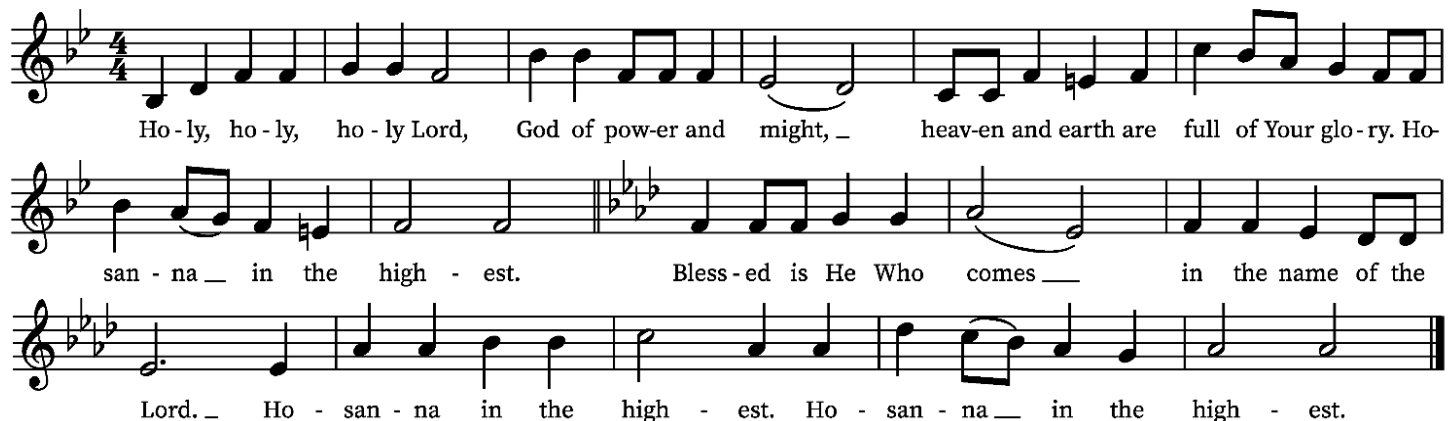
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

Communion Music

D. M. K.

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _ heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na _ in the high - est. Bless - ed is He Who comes _ in the name of the
Lord. _ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na _ in the high - est.

*** CHRIST'S DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND COMING IN GLORY**



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.

Sung Response

*** AMEN**



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.**

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, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Ralph Vaughan Williams



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; Suzann Smith's brother, Henry (shoulder replacement); Dave Crowe (Nita Mitchell's brother) – *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 Jennifer Whitehead in loving appreciation for the Northminster congregation. Thank you so much for being a blessing in my life over these past ten years. I look forward to many more with you!

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 – September 9th

All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Wednesday, September 9th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

Adult/Youth Sunday Studies

For our upcoming Adult & Youth series, the wonderful faculty of Mercer University will be helping us once again. Beginning September 13th, Tiffany Anderson will be leading a 7 week study on Christian Popular Culture for Youth. This will be an exciting intergenerational study so please plan to join us! In Tiffany's words, "I hope to consider these cultural products as creations of intentional adults." Join us in the community room downstairs at 9am every Sunday!

Kidventures – Children's Sunday School

Our Northminster kids are having a blast in Kidventures with Mrs. Virginia and helpers, Elizabeth & Anna! Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Bring a friend and join us for lessons, crafts, and snacks as we learn about how to care and share the way Jesus wants us to! Everyone, 5th grade and under, is welcome! Childcare begins at 9 a.m. for those wanting to attend adult Sunday school.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Meeting

We will have a meeting after worship, September 20th, in the library to discuss our 2027 mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Everyone who is interested in participating is invited to attend. Please see Jeanne Roddenberry if you have any questions.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Every Wednesday: Handbell ringers meet at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Singers meet at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!! Just bring your wrists, arms, vocal cords, and willing spirits, and we will welcome you into the music fold!

"re-Cycle Macon" Fall Bike Co-op – Sept. 16

Centenary Community Ministries Inc., in one of our partners in outreach here in Macon. Part of your Good Samaritan donation every month is sent to them to use in their utilities assistance program for needy families. The re-Cycle program is another part of CCMI. They rehab used, donated bikes for people to use to get around and get to work. Wednesday, September 16th from 5-7PM at Centenary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (1185 Ash St.), come share a meal and practice your bike tech skills on one of their donated bikes. All are welcome to fellowship together as they work to fix bikes for our community members in need of reliable transportation.

Loaves & Fishes Ministry – Walk a Mile

Many people in our community walk 4 to 7 miles every day just to survive. They walk to find food, showers, services, work, and safe places to rest. Walk, run or cycle 40 miles over 21 days while raising funds to support our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Kick-off event is Saturday, October 3rd at Amerson River Park's Bluff Pavilion from 10AM-1PM. Finish strong Saturday, October 24th at Loaves & Fishes Ministry of Central Georgia from 10AM-1PM. To register, become a sponsor, or get more details, please grab a flyer from the welcome desk.

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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