



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini Charles Villiers Stanford
Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Christian H. Bateman; Spanish melody,
arr. D. Evans

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in this sanctuary!

Praise God out under the beautiful open sky!

Praise God for all the mighty deeds!

Praise God because there is no other like the Lord!

Praise God with our organ and its pipes!

Praise God with our choir and our bells!

Praise God in our words and in our sacred silence!

Praise God in our hymns and songs and refrains!

Praise God in this hour together we cherish!

Praise God in the other six days of a new week!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

Hymn No. 641 (standing)

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy God,

It was Jesus who proclaimed,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

[over]

**We come before you in this hour
confessing the poverty of our spirits.
You have blessed us with the riches of grace.
Yet how often we have spent those gifts
on foolish pleasures
on short term desires
on anxious worries.**

**Free us from our past.
Speak to us in this hour.
Turn us loose in your world.**

Hear our prayers ...

[silent prayer]

Scripture – Psalm 103:8-13

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn No. 441 (seated)

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Remembering Our Baptisms

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

The Beatitudes MUSIC: 13th Century Plainsong,
arr. C. Winfred Douglas; WORDS: David M. Kenney, Sr., based on Matthew 5:3-9

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 – Matthew 5:1-11

Hymn No. 172, verses 1-3 (seated)

Blest Are They

Sermon – beātī (or, How God actually sees the world)

Hymn No. 172, verses 4-5 (standing)

Blest Are They

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

O How Blest Are the Poor in Spirit

Richard Avery & Donald Marsh



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 Amy Maley in celebration of her wedding anniversary.

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.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Meeting – Next Sunday!

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.

Women's Fall Bible Study – Every Wednesday, Starting Oct. 7th at 10AM & 5:30PM

Fall at Northminster means many things, including a fresh round of Wednesday Bible studies among our women. Pastor Ralph will launch a series he is calling "Making Some Lists, Checking Them Twice" — a look at the various "lists" in the scriptural collection: Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Fruits of the Spirit, Paul's Spiritual Clothing, etc. And with each Biblical list each week, we'll build our own lists of blessings, gratitudes, goals, and dreams. Come join us!

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!

Adult/Youth Sunday Studies

For our current Adult & Youth series, the wonderful faculty of Mercer University will be helping us once again. For the next 5 weeks, Tiffany Anderson will be leading a 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.

"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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