



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Spiritual, arr. Diane Bish

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Isaac Watts (based on Psalm 118)
& Johann Crüger

Scripture – Luke 18:35-43

Sermon

Lessons from the Blind Beggar

Elder Barbara Fatkin

Hymn No. 452 (standing)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Passing the Peace

Scripture – Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Daytight Compartments

Elder Lynn Denny

Hymn No. 661 (standing)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Wm. Cowper;
Irish Folk Tune, arr. Ruth Coleman

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.

Scripture – Romans 6:4-5

Sermon

Left It In the River

Elder Mark Brown

Hymn No. 482 (standing)

Baptized in Water

Prayers of Dedication, 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.

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

Lord, Revive Us

Early American Tune



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); Rick Almarode (David Kenney, Sr.'s cousin) – *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 Gwen Kitchens in loving memory of her husband, Beau. **This is a correction to the September 13th bulletin, which flowers were originally given by Gwen in memory of Beau. Flowers today were originally given to the glory of God by Amy Maley in celebration of her wedding anniversary, which was printed in the September 13th bulletin.*

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.

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 is 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.

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.

Rise Against Hunger – October 4th

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. You are invited to join us October 4th at 2PM to help pack meals that will be sent around the world. This year’s event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (303 Mary Lane, Warner Robins). We will be taking Bob the Bus, now with fully functioning air conditioning, if you’d like to carpool. Please plan to meet at Northminster around 1:15pm if riding the bus. Please consider helping us meet our goal of packaging 15,000 meals!

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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