



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 4, 2026

World Communion and Rise Against Hunger

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Pan del Cielo (Bread of Heaven)
Pat McCall, violin & Jennifer Goode, maracas

Eleazar Cortés

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on the Gospels

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them,

“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him,

“Come and follow me.”

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,

“Follow me and be my disciple.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross,
and follow me.”

Hymn No. 726, verses 1-3 (standing) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Scripture – Matthew 5:13

Sermon – The boss says we are his Morton missionaries

Hymn No. 726, verses 4-5 (seated) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response No. 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Affirmation of Faith – from the 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 true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Remembering our Baptisms

Choral Anthem

At Your Table, We Behold You

Words: S. Benjamin Hamblett, III;
Music: D. M. K.

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.

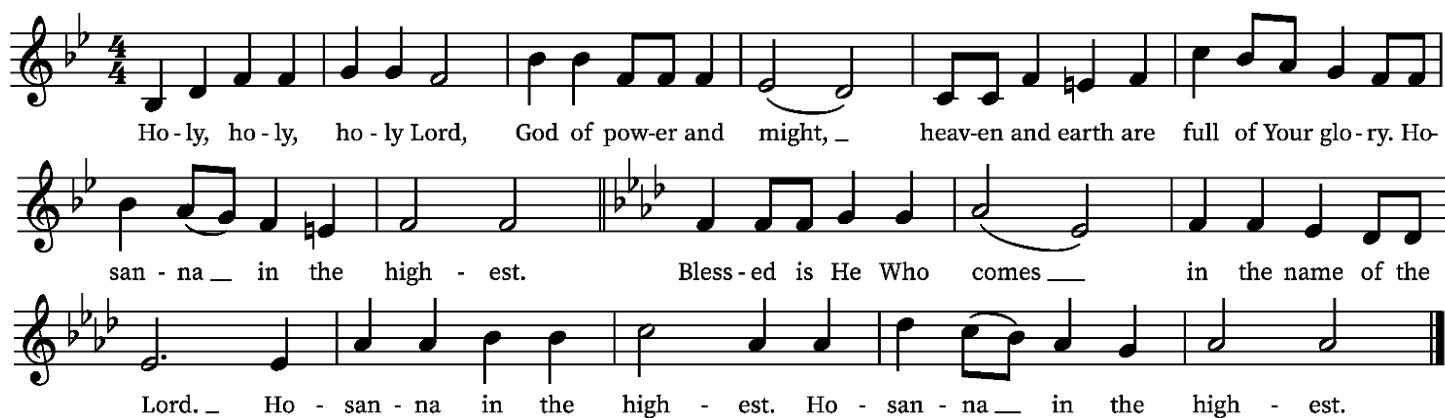
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**



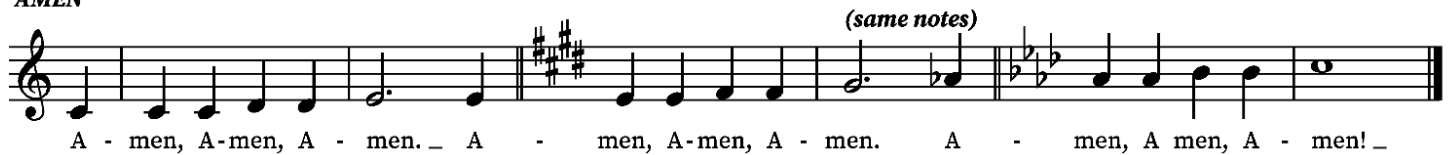
Christ has died. _ Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.**

Hymn No. 526 (standing)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There

Charles Albert Tindley



Information & Announcements

Today's Choral Anthem

S. Benjamin Hamblett, III (1935-2017), the lyricist for today's choral anthem, was a friend of David, our music director. Ben was from Derry, New Hampshire (the same town where Robert Frost lived, wrote poetry, and taught school). He was an American Baptist (ABCUSA) minister, who loved to write poetry and hymns. He was also quite a good singer, just like his wife, Mary, who graciously allowed our church to share today's anthem.

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 Roland and Judy Hill.

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.

Rise Against Hunger – Today, 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 TODAY at 2PM (1:15PM if you would like to hop on Bob the Bus at Northminster) 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!

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

Tiffany Anderson is leading a study on Christian Popular Culture for Youth throughout the month of October. This is 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.

Adventures Aboard Bob the Bus!

You are invited to join Bob's Brunch Bunch every third Thursday of the month. To catch a ride, our "conductor," Pastor Ralph, is happy to pick you up from home that morning, you're welcome to meet at the church and ride along (10:30AM departure time), or you can meet us at the restaurant around 11. This month, we'll be dining at The Iron Rail in Bolingbroke on October 15th. Simply fill out your Bus Ticket, included in your bulletin, and place it in the offering basket or leave it on Jennifer's desk. Tear off your small ticket stub to keep with you. Ralph will plan his route based on who wants to ride along and call you with a pick-up time that you can then write down on your stub.

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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