



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Canción (1º Tono), de Seis Canciones

José de Urroz

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth
(Based on Psalm 119:33-34)

George Elvey

Call to Worship – from Psalm 119

**O Eternal One, show me how to live according to Your statutes,
and I will keep them always.
Grant me understanding so that I can keep Your law
and keep it wholeheartedly.
Guide me to walk in the way You commanded
because I take joy in it.**

Hymn No. 625 (standing)

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn No. 634 (seated)

To God Be the Glory

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian *Brief Statement of Faith*

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. [over]

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

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.

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Shout Glory, Hallelujah!

Joseph Addison & Hal H. Hopson

Doxology No. 606 (standing)

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 – Hebrews 12:1-3

Sermon – Testimony: Two more saints have joined “the great cloud of witnesses”

Hymn No. 326 (standing)

For All the Saints

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

Pièce d'Orgue (II. Gravement), BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach



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; Steve Davis – *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; 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 Rosie Miles in celebration of her father, Brad Miles, and in loving memory of her mother, Nancy Miles on their shared October 20th birthdays.

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.

Church Picnic with Macon Presbyterians – NEXT Sunday, Oct. 25th

All are invited to Amerson River Park for a community church picnic with our sister churches in Macon – St. Andrews and Washington Avenue. Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic-style side dish to share and meet under the Porter Pavilion at Amerson after our worship service. All other food and drinks will be provided. Bob the bus will be making trips from and to Northminster if you'd like to ride!

Generation Fusion Concert at Northminster – NEXT Sunday, Oct. 25th

Please make plans to attend a concert by Generation Fusion String Quartet, led by our own Pat McCall next Sunday at 3PM. The program—in our sanctuary—will feature music from the Baroque and Classical periods to cool jazz of the 1950s. It will also include a brand-new piece, ***Autumn Frolic***, composed specifically for this concert by our music director, David Kenney, Sr., who will accompany the quartet on a couple of numbers. Admission is FREE, and ALL ages are welcome!

Women's Fall Bible Study – Every Wednesday through November 11th 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, gratuities, goals, and dreams. Come join us!

Free Organ Concert at Northminster – Saturday, Oct. 31st

SATURDAY, October 31st at 4 PM, we will host a Halloween concert given by the American Guild of Organists (AGO)-Macon Chapter. Students from the Mercer University Organ Studio (and a special guest pianist) will fill our sanctuary with an hour of eerie, ominous, and weird music in recognition of the traditional time just before All Saints' Day. Featured music will include selections from Phantom of the Opera to Ghostbusters. Admission is FREE, though this will be a fundraiser for the Macon AGO, which has recently been revived after a period of hiatus.

Thanksgiving Lunch – Sunday, November 15th

All are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving lunch, Sunday, November 15th, in the fellowship hall. All food is provided by our hosting committees. We ask each of our attendees contribute \$10/adult, \$5 for children ages 12 and under (family cap of \$35), to help with the cost of food. Please let us know on your blue response sheet if you plan to attend.

Backpack Ministry Supplies Update

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing your plastic grocery bags. We now have a very hearty supply and all space for them has been filled. We will let you know when you can start bringing more bags.

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.

Canción (1º Tono), de Seis Canciones José de Urroz

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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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