



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

Alleluia, Amen

American Folk Melody

Call to Worship – based on Galatians 5:22-26

If we live by the Holy Spirit,

let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

For the fruit of the Spirit is

love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things!

Hymn No. 291 (standing)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy Spirit,

**you blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.**

**You formed your church
with tongues and flame.**

You bear good fruit in our lives.

Forgive us

**for bearing works of the flesh
instead of the fruit of your presence.**

**For trusting in lords and saviors
who turn out to be neither.**

For insisting on going our own way.

[over]

**Set us free from our past
and send us forth into your future.**

Hear our prayers ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn No. 627 (seated)

I Love You, Lord

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 Peace of God

John Rutter

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.

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.

Hymn No. 459 (seated)

O Word of God Incarnate

Scripture – Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon – Rejoice, and Stand Firm

Mark Montgomery

Hymn (insert)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
based on Philippians 4:1, 4-9

Words: David M. Kenney, Sr.,
music: John Darwall

Charge and Benediction

Response

Amen

John Rutter

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welsh Melody, arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr



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; Rex & Nita Tidwell; Joan Walker; Mary Alice Wilson; Annette Hutto; Steve Davis; Nancy Sasser (death of her mother, Anne NeSmith); Edward Clark (death of his mother, Evelyn Clark) – *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 Pat McCall in loving memory of her father, James McCall and in honor of their wonderful friend Frank Ellis, on their shared, October 26th 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.

Today's Music

Welcome to Gail Pollock, guest organist, and to Generation Fusion Quartet: Kyla Gwyn, *violin*; Patricia McCall - *violin*; Jaris Tobler - *viola*; Spencer Brewer - *cello*.

Generation Fusion Quartet Concert at 3 p.m. - featuring Albinoni's *Adagio* for strings and organ, Paul Desmond's *Take Five* (made famous by the Dave Brubeck Quartet), and the premiere of *Autumn Frolic*, composed for Generation Fusion by David Kenney, Sr.

Church Picnic with Macon Presbyterians – Today

All are invited to Amerson River Park for a community church picnic with our sister churches in Macon – St. Andrews and Washington Avenue. Bring a lawn chair and 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!

Women's Fall Bible Study – Every Wednesday through November 11th at 10^{AM} & 5:30^{PM}

Pastor Ralph has launched a series he calls "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. *We will not have Bible study this Wednesday, October 28th*, but will return for our last two sessions, November 4th, 11th, and 18th.

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.

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.

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 & Sharing Box

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. We're learning to be more like Jesus and "Growing in God's Love" with a new lesson book of the same title, containing 150 Old and New Testament stories. We are enjoying our time in church and learning even though we're young, we are part of the Northminster family. Childcare begins at 9 a.m. for those wanting to attend adult Sunday school.

Beginning next Sunday, November 1st, we will have a sharing box in the foyer where you can bring new or gently used children's winter clothes and accessories which will be shared with children at Rosa Taylor who might need extra help staying warm this winter.

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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