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SUNDAY SERMONS



If you were not able to worship at Northminster September 27th, I encourage you to set aside an hour and listen to the three short sermons offered by our three ordained elders who are this year participating in our presbytery's Trained Ruling Elder Program. Barbara Fatkin, Lynn Denny, and Mark Brown each offered reflections on Biblical passages in fulfillment of their assignment to preach for their own congregation. Each did such a beautiful job, and I know you will be blessed by their contributions. May the eyes of hearts be opened; may we exchange worry for daylight trust; and may we leave all things not of God "in the river" of our baptism.

You can access any of our worship services that you might have missed on our website at northminstermacon.org/previous.

SUNDAY STUDIES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

We have been enjoying the wonderful teaching and scintillating discussions with Dr. Tiffany Anderson from Mercer. She still has 4 more weeks to go so there is still time to join us. We're learning all kinds of interesting facts about popular culture's place in and effect on our Christian lives. It's worth it to get here by 9:00 – ask anyone who is in the class.

Starting November 1, we will have Andrew Gardner, also from Mercer, back with us. Andrew was struck by the interest in the early church in some of his prior sessions with us so he will be focusing on the early church for November and December. In his words, "For six weeks, we'll examine the history of the early church as portrayed in the New Testament up to the sixth century. We'll read and discuss early Christian debates over orthodoxy and heresy to better understand how the Jesus movement came to be institutionalized in the Church."

Andrew is also an outstanding teacher, and we hope many of you will join us. 9:00 on Sunday mornings in the Community Room.



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! Everyone, 5th grade and under, is welcome! Childcare begins at 9 a.m. for those wanting to attend adult Sunday school.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND - YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Every month a portion of our Good Samaritan collections go to Centenary Community Ministries, Inc. (CCMI). Our funds go directly toward their Utility Assistance Program. Here is the latest update from CCMI about this program -

"Since recently re-publishing our Utility Assistance Request form on our website, <https://centenarycommunityministries.org/>, we received over \$2,500 in requests for utility assistance for Georgia Power bills alone. CCMI was able to pay a couple of individuals' full balances and provide payments towards larger bills on others. We were able to help many families with young children, those who were taking leave of absences from work due to medical issues, and those returning home from the hospital. One of the recipients needed assistance due to being placed on an oxygen machine which increased his energy usage."

The support Northminster Presbyterian provides is vital to the Macon community. By providing monthly support in an area that directly addresses one of the factors that leads to homelessness, Northminster is helping keep the light of hope on in Macon. Thank you.



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
EXPERIENCE

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Join the movement!

Will you join us for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief? Check out our Rise Against Hunger Experience meal packaging event details below. We hope to see you there!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER OCTOBER 4TH AT 2PM

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!

LOAVES & FISHES - 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.

KICKOFF EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 | AMERSON RIVER PARK BLUFF PAVILION

10AM - 1PM

Walk your first miles together and hear inspiring speakers and stories about the daily realities of homelessness in our community.

Sign up online or in person at the kickoff event!

FINISH STRONG

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 | LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA

10AM - 1PM

Walk the final 3 miles downtown in the footsteps of our clients if you would like to. Then join us for Loaves & Fishes 58th Birthday Celebration with a light lunch, cake, and ice cream!



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Psalm 150--in the old King James Version--has a true musical lilt to it, and I think that is no accident. The Scripture reads as follows:

Praise ye the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp!
Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs!
Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals!
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!

It is clear that the Psalmist is calling everyone to join in praising God, though not by sitting still and speaking prayers under our breath. We are called to praise God by joining God's orchestra, choir, and dance troupe! While I love reading the list of instruments, I think the list is far from exhaustive and, therefore, is in no way limited. I dare say that at Northminster we pray this Psalm every Sunday--as we pray responsively or in unison, as we sing the hymns, as we pass the peace of Christ, and as we incorporate different instruments in worship.

What instruments have helped us praise God this past year? The pipe organ and piano, of course, and our own voices, too. (Yes, the voice is an instrument!) What others? How about violin, viola, cello, flute, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, tambourine, finger cymbals, maracas, bodhrán, glockenspiel, djembe, timpani, concert chimes, Irish bell, harp, and crash cymbals? These have been heard in solos and accompaniment. We have also had instrumental and vocal ensembles. Certainly our vocal and handbell choirs come to mind, and we appreciate the beauty of their sound and their dedication to their musical craft. We have also had a string quartet, guitar and banjo duo, and a chamber choir. How else can we praise the Lord? Might there be an oboe, kazoo, bassoon, or barbershop quartet this coming year? Perhaps a mandolin, tuba, or marimba? Tell you what... we will get started with the list below:

Sunday, Oct. 4 in WORSHIP - violin, maracas, and tambourine

Sunday, Oct. 25 in WORSHIP - Generation Fusion String Quartet will accompany the choir's anthem, The Peace of God, by John Rutter

Sunday, Oct. 25 in CONCERT at 3:00 p.m. - Generation Fusion String Quartet (with organ and piano)

Sunday, Nov. 1 in WORSHIP - Bethany Cannon will present a liturgical dance during the choir's anthem, Now the Silence, Now the Peace, by Jaroslav Vajda and Gerald Near

Thursday, Nov. 19 in CONCERT at 7:30 p.m. - Middle Georgia State University Chamber Singers

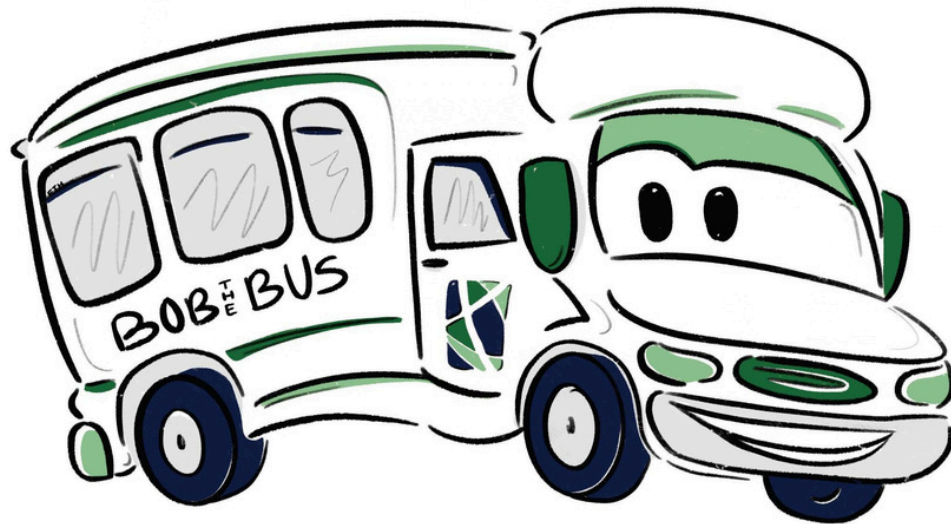
Sunday, Nov. 22 in WORSHIP - Northminster Handbell Choir

Sunday, Nov. 29 in WORSHIP - Lessons and Carols, with Northminster Vocal Choir and Generation Fusion String Quartet

Make plans to attend the two concerts. Also, join us in ringing and singing. Just bring your willing heart and your breath to praise the Lord!

Grace and Peace,
David

Adventures aboard Bob our Northminster Bus!



Bob's Blessing Buddies!

- Oct 4 Rise Against Hunger event @ Westminster Warner Robins
- Nov 10 Loaves and Fishes 3pm meal service downtown
- Dec 6 Christmas Caroling for our homebound members and friends

Bob's Brunch Bunch!

(Third Thursdays of each month! Home pickup or 10:30am departure from church)

- Oct 15 The Iron Rail Restaurant @ Bolingbroke
- Nov 19 The Oil Lamp Restaurant @ Perry
- Dec 17 The Whistle Stop Cafe @ Juliette

Bob's Big Bimbles!

DATES COMING SOON!

- Men's outing to Robins Air Force Base museum
- All-church Northminster Golf Tournament
- Bible History Center field trip to LaGrange



I make lists. You make lists. The New Testament is chock-a-block full of lists, too! Promises, virtues, warnings, and blessings. Each week in this study we'll take a look at one Biblical list and its import for our lives. And we'll also take some time along the way to make our lists: gratuudes, hopes, petitions, and goals.

Oct 7	The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-11
Oct 14	The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:19-26
Oct 21	The Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-18
Oct 28	The Marks of Agape Love	1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Nov 4	Wisdom from Above	James 3:13-18
Nov 11	The Marks of Christian Community	Romans 12:9-21
Nov 18	Everything Needed for Life and Godliness	2 Peter 1:3-11

Wednesdays at **10am** (Community Room) and **5:30pm** (Fellowship Hall)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct 1 - Rosie Miles
Oct 10 - Judy Hill
Oct 15 - Mark Brown
Oct 20 - Jan Hirsh
Oct 27 - Judy Lowe

Oct 8 - Rebecca Goode
Oct 10 - David Riley
Oct 16 - Ann Weaver
Oct 20 - Brad Miles
Oct 31 - Matthew Preyna

Oct 8 - Sandra Lewis
Oct 13 - Samuel Napier
Oct 18 - Anna Riley
Oct 26 - Frank Ellis

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church, its pastor and staff, and its programs.

	August 2026 Actual	August 2026 Budget	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget
Pledged & Regular Giving	\$35,557	\$38,683	\$324,050	\$309,463
Carry Forward	\$8,305	\$8,305	\$66,440	\$66,440
Total Income	\$46,243	\$47,988	\$406,043	\$383,902
Total Expenses	\$44,643	\$43,989	\$366,525	\$351,913
Difference	+\$1,600	+\$3,999	+\$39,518	+\$31,989

At the September Session meeting, we approved the following expenditures.

- Landscape cleanup (to be completed this fall) - \$2,825 from Endowment Income Fund
- Landscape update & new install (to be completed in early 2027) - \$6,585 from Endowment Income Fund

Please contact Gregg Reed (gareed105@gmail.com) or any member of the finance committee if you have any questions about the budget or the church finances.

THANK YOU, FROM YOUR MINISTRY ASSISTANT

I can't believe I have been so blessed to have already been part of the Northminster family for 10 years now! I have experienced so many life changes in these years and this incredible church has been with me through it all. It's already a blessing to have consistency in a job, but to love what you do elevates that job to a calling for which I am beyond grateful. Thank you all for your generosity that not only helps me and my family with steady income, but includes a generosity beyond the monetary. Thank you, also, for your support and encouragement of our recent trip to Ireland. It was an experience I will always remember and provided much-needed time for Kevin and I to celebrate our 25th year of marriage. You are a blessing to us in so many ways!

Love, Jennifer Whitehead



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OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Veritas	6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	Veritas 10:30am Line Dancing	Veritas 6:30pm Girl Scout Volunteer Mtg	Noon - G.S. Alumni Tea 1:30-3:00pm Girl Scout Troop Mtg
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9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures 10:30am Worship Communion Sunday 2pm Rise Against Hunger		Veritas	10am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	Veritas 10:30am Line Dancing	Veritas	
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