NORTHMINSTER
Presbyterian Church

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

November 8, 2026 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude — *Earth and All Stars* — David N. Johnson

Opening Prayer

Choral Introit — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* — Wm. Kethe & Louis Bourgeois
Based on Psalm 100

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 98

Compose a new song, and sing it to the Eternal
because of the unbelievable things God has done.
The Lord has won the victory
with the skill of a strong right hand and strength of a holy arm.
The Eternal has made it clear that God saves,
and God has shown the nations that God does what is right.
The Eternal One has been true to all the promises;
fresh in God's mind is an unfailing love for all of God's people.
Even the ends of the earth have witnessed how our God saves.
Compose a new song, and sing it to the Eternal!

Hymn No. 14 (standing) — *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

[*over*]

Set us free from our dogged past.
Unburden us from a future we do not control.
Grant us the grace of this present moment.

Hear our prayers of confession …

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response No. 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Stewardship Season 2027: Holding the good news in common

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord* Daniel L. Schutte
Based on Psalm 98

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.

Scripture – Acts 2:41-47

Hymn No. 697, v. 1-3 (seated) *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

Sermon – Stewardship 2027: Together and all things in common

Hymn No. 697, v. 4-6 (standing) *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

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 *New Songs of Celebration Render* Louis Bourgeois

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 Doug and Carol Holt in honor of all the men and women who have served in our armed forces. Their sacrifices that make it possible for us to live freely are forever appreciated.

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 through November 18th at 10AM & 5:30PM
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.

Men's Outing to Museum of Aviation – Today
Men, join us today for a trip on Bob the Bus to lunch and the Warner Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation. We're excited to have our very own Air Force pilot, Roger Andersen, coming along to share first-hand experiences from some of the planes we'll see.

Loaves & Fishes Meal – Tuesday, November 10th
Tuesday, November 10th, Northminster will be providing and serving a meal at the Loaves & Fishes Ministry. This outreach has provided incredible experiences in the past for those serving and those being served, and we look forward to such blessings once again. If you would like to help serve the 3PM meal at Loaves & Fishes, please let Ralph know. Bob the Bus will be going!

Men's Breakfast – Thursday, November 12th
All men are invited to breakfast at H&H Restaurant, 807 Forsyth Street, this Thursday, November 12th at 7AM. This is a dutch treat event.

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.
At the luncheon, the Congregational Care and Membership Engagement Committees will be celebrating our members who are age 90+. You can participate: We will have cards for each of those nonagenarians and invite you to sign them after worship today, or before worship on the 15th. The cards are in the Activity Room.

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
Over the next several weeks, Sunday School, led by Professor Andrew Gardner from Mercer University, will examine the history of the Early Church and how we might think about this history today. On November 8th, we will read selections from the Gnostic Gospel of Thomas. We will follow this session on Early Christian pacifism and rejection of military participation (15th), church purity and the Donatist Schism (22nd), dualism and the heresy of Manichaeism (Dec. 6th), and Christian unity and the Council of Nicaea (Dec 13th). Join us at 9:00 on Sunday mornings in the Community Room

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 today, we 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.

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, November 29th
In just a few weeks we will flip the liturgical calendar to the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year. At Northminster, this means it is time for **Lessons and Carols**, our annual service which intertwines many Scriptures and music celebrating the coming of the Christ Child. Throughout Advent and Christmas this year, we will be reading some of the Scriptures in the form of haiku, thanks to the talents and generosity of The Rev. Malcolm Hamblett, a Congregational minister in Weston, Vermont. Some of the familiar passages will sound nearly the same to our ears, while others will sound entirely different. As we hear about The Word made flesh, may we welcome the differently creative and poetic stories about Him. Our vocal and handbell choirs are busily preparing a meaningful service. They will be joined by the Generation Fusion String Quartet. Would you like to sing or ring? Talk to David Kenney, and he will happily welcome you into the festive musical fold. Make plans to be present on Sunday, November 29th, as we worship Emmanuel--God with us!

Alternative Christmas Fair – Sunday, December 6th
Give the gift that gives twice this Christmas! Mark your calendars for our annual Alternative Christmas Fair, where you can donate to one of our supported missions in honor of anyone on your Christmas list. Cards will be available for each ministry so you can let your loved one know of your donation. Check your weekly emails and bulletins for more details to come.

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
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