NORTHMINSTER
Presbyterian Church

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

November 15, 2026 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30AM

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude | *Prelude* in e minor, Op. 28, No. 6 | Frédéric Chopin

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Hymn 694

Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise today is but a start.
Sincerely and completely
we offer you our hearts.

Hymn No. 694 (standing) *Great God of Every Blessing*

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O God, whose nature it is to be generous:
we confess to you our share of the guilt
for a world of hungry families and homeless peoples.

Forgive us for our self-centered living and spending;
forgive those who blame you for their failures.

Grant that this week
some who have given nothing may start to give,
and those who have given something may give more,
that both our church and our world may give due place
to the cries of those who have nothing to eat.

Hear our prayers of confession ...

[silent prayer]

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response No. 647 *Give Thanks*

Remembering Our Baptisms

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian *Declaration of Faith*

God made human beings along with all the other creatures
and charged them to care for the earth
and all that lives on it.
We acknowledge we share in the interdependence
that binds together all God's creation.
Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.
We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.
The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce
in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.
The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.

Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* William Batchelder Bradbury, arr. Jerry Ray

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. 686 (seated) *God of Our Life*

Sermon – Stewardship 2027: A society of friends

Hymn No. 693 (standing) *Though I May Speak*

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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* George Job Elvey, arr. Jerry Ray

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 Nancy Sasser in loving memory of her son, Jonathan Killen.

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.

Thanksgiving Lunch – Today!
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.

Christmas Poinsettias
Every Advent season, our sanctuary is filled with beautiful decorations, including potted poinsettias, donated by members in celebration of special occasions, friends & family and the lives of those who have died. If you would like to donate one, or several, poinsettia(s), please indicate on your blue response sheet to whom or for what your flower is dedicated. Cost is $20 each.

Women's Fall Bible Study – Final Week, 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 have been building our own lists of blessings, gratitudes, goals, and dreams. All are invited, whether you've been to all studies, or none, this is a great week to attend!

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
Currently, Professor Andrew Gardner from Mercer University, is leading Sunday Studies by examining the history of the Early Church and how we might think about this history today. On November 15th, we will learn about and discuss Early Christian pacifism and rejection of military participation. We will follow this session with 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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SAM ALDERMAN, III, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant
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