## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 2022

**Reformation Sunday** 

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** 

Liturgist, John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Col. 2:3; Rev. 5:12

Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

People: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

\*OPENING HYMN #77

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*PRAISE SONG

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

**GUIDED PRAYER** 

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 11.3
We believe that, by his obedience and death, Christ completely discharged the debt of all those who are so justified, and he made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to his Father's justice on their behalf. Since Christ was voluntarily given by the Father for them, and since his obedience and satisfaction were accepted in their place and not for anything in them, their justification is the result only of his free grace—so that both the perfect justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice By Martin Luther, translated by Richard Massie

# FOR OUR GUESTS: WELCOME TO NORTHMINSTER EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you are here. We hope the information listed on these pages will help you choose your next steps in connecting at Northminster. If you need help finding anything or have questions, just ask an usher or the pastor. To learn more about activities here, please pick up our newsletter from the rack in the hallway or foyer table. You can also learn more about us on our website: <a href="www.npcmh.com">www.npcmh.com</a>, and on Facebook: <a href="www.npcmh.com">www.facebook.com/npcmh</a>

## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

## Today, October 30:

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages11:00 am - Worship6:30 pm - Youth Group

## Tuesday, November 1:

**12:00 pm –** Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

#### Wednesday, November 2:

9:30 am - Called Session Meeting 12:00 pm - Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

#### **Next Sunday, November 6:**

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages11:00 am - Worship6:30 pm - Youth Group

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Children are welcomed in the service. A nursery is provided for infants – 4 years. Others needing childcare may leave worship after the ANTHEM.

## **HELPING HANDS OFFERING – TODAY**

Each 5th Sunday, our offering collection goes to Helping Hands, a ministry of churches in the Madison Heights-Elon area of Amherst County to help residents in need. It is administered through Madison Heights Baptist Church. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of those in our community! Please specify offering in memo or note space on envelopes and online.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:45 a.m.

Pastor David is beginning a new series on the book of Mark. We hope that you will join us as we explore this powerful gospel.

#### YOUTH GROUP - TODAY @ 6:30 pm

Students in grades 6-12 are welcomed to join us.

#### CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS 1st & 3rd MONDAYS

You are invited to join Pastor David and the session as they go through the book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. Our world is changing at an ever-accelerating pace, and it often feels like the Church is doing ministry that no longer reaches the felt needs of people. As we look out on this strange, new world, how can God change our perspective and goals so that we effectively share the Gospel with those who don't know how much they need Him? We will be meeting the first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm.

#### WEDNESDAY PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS @ Noon

Please join us on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer in the sanctuary as we bring our needs before our loving God.

# **ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

In James 5:13-14 we read, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." Each Sunday, two elders will be available in the New Song room following worship for anyone who needs or would like prayer.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 <u>debts</u> as we forgive our <u>debtors</u>. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Offertory Response — "Doxology"

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.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** 

Galatians 2:14-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**SERMON:** 

**SOLA GRATIA** 

SERIES: WHEN YOUR BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. — Galatians 2:20

\*CLOSING HYMN #43

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please Stand

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Kristin Kidd, *Treasurer* 

#### **SERMON NOTES, October 30**

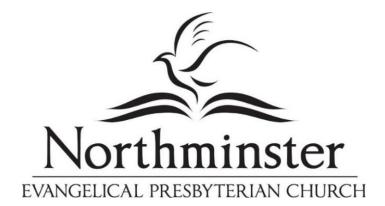
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Experiencing and sharing God's love to transform our homes, community, and world.

<sup>14</sup> But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

<sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.
<sup>17</sup>But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

- Galatians 2:14-21 (ESV)