

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Mike Henderson

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Hebrews 1:1-3
Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
People: now God has spoken to us by a Son.
Leader: God made the world through the Son,
who has been appointed heir of all things
and the perfect reflection of God's glory.
**People: The Son is the exact representation of God's being,
sustaining all things by his powerful Word.**
Leader: Praise God for the gift of the Son.
People: We welcome the light of the world!

*OPENING HYMN #45

Come Thou Fount

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

As It Is In Heaven

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 14.2
**We confess that it is by saving faith a Christian believes
whatever is revealed in the Word to be the true,
authentic, authoritative statement of God himself. By this
faith the believer also acts according to what particular
passages in the word say. By faith the believer humbly
submits to and obeys God's various commands. He
trembles at God's awesome threats, and eagerly
embraces his promises about this life and the life to
come. But the chief actions of saving faith are accepting,
receiving, and resting on Christ alone for justification,
sanctification, and eternal life, in the power of the
covenant of grace. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

ANTHEM

How Shall They Hear

Text from Romans 10:14-15; music from Koch's Choralbuch (1816)

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: www.npcmh.com, and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/npcmh

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today, January 22:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm - Youth Group

Tuesday, January 24:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, January 25:
12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, January 29:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:45 am
We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark with Pastor David. If you'd like to join the class, feel free to drop in any time!

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS TODAY @ 6:30 pm
Youth group, for students in grades 6-12, will resume THIS SUNDAY at 6:30. We'll be looking at pro tips from the book of Proverbs. Our kickoff topic is "Wisdom is the one thing that makes you better at everything." We hope to see you!

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.

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, February 12 for our Annual Meeting. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch together and hear reports from each ministry area about what God has done over the past year and what we're anticipating joining Him in doing in the year to come. It might not sound like it, but we promise, this is an event you won't want to miss.

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 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.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory
*Offertory Response –
For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer Lord our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 4:27-41
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: KINGDOM SHIFTS
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE
*"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest." — John 4:35*

*CLOSING HYMN #743 Christ for the World! We Sing

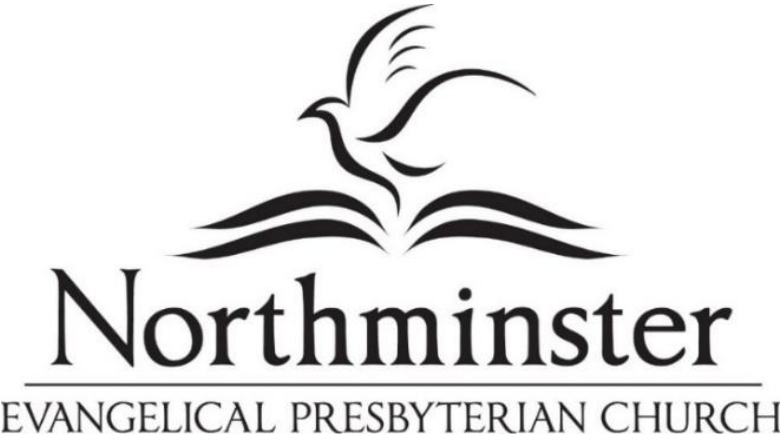
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS	Bob Mills, <i>Director of Music</i>
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John Lange, Liz Boothe	<i>Superintendent</i>
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn	Barbara Baker & Kristin Kidd,
	<i>Treasurers</i>

SERMON NOTES, January 22
NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 4:27-41
SERMON: FIRST LOVE FIRST
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.

— John 4:27-41