

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

Leader: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

People: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

*OPENING HYMN #21

How Great Thou Art

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

Come Ye Sinners

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 35.4

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith comes by hearing the word of God, we believe that Christ has commissioned his church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth. Amen.

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 29:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

6:30 pm - Youth Group

Tuesday, January 31:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, February 1:

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, February 5:

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 TODAY @ 6:30 pm

Youth group, for students in grades 6-12, meets this Sunday at 6:30. We'll be looking at pro tips from the book of Proverbs. This week's topic is "Loving God = Living like Jesus." 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.

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!

ANTHEM I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Words and Music Anonymous

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: Luke 10:1-15
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WELCOME TO YOUR MISSION FIELD
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE
“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field.” — Luke 10:2

*CLOSING HYMN #728 Jesus Saves

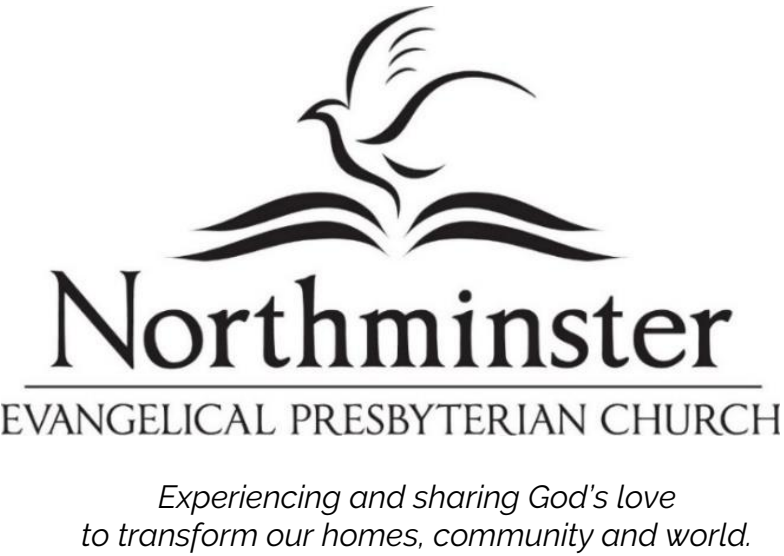
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session), Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker, Treasurers
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins

SERMON NOTES, January 29
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10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

— Luke 10:1-15 (ESV)