

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Liz Boothe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
People: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice.

Leader: In his time will righteousness flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
People: He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #130

O for a Thousand Tongues

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

In Christ Alone

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 25.3-4

We believe that, in order to gather and perfect the saints in this life until the end of the world Christ has given the ministry, Scriptures, and ordinances of God to this universal visible church, and by his own presence and Spirit he enables the church to function in this way according to his promise. This universal church has been sometimes more and sometimes less visible. Particular churches, which are members of it, are also more or less pure, depending on how the gospel is accepted and taught, how the ordinances of God are administered, and how public worship is performed. 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, February 5:

9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesday, February 7:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, February 8:

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 9:

1:30 pm – Monthly Session

Next Sunday, February 12:

9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
12:00 pm – Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch
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. This week's topic is "The decisions no one sees build the reputation everyone remembers." 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.

ANTHEM Bread and Wine, Wine and Bread
by Mary Kay Beall and John Carter

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: 1 Peter 2:1-10
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: LIVING STONES
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE
You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. — 1 Peter 2:5

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution
Partaking of the Communion Elements
Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #568 Take My Life and Let It Be

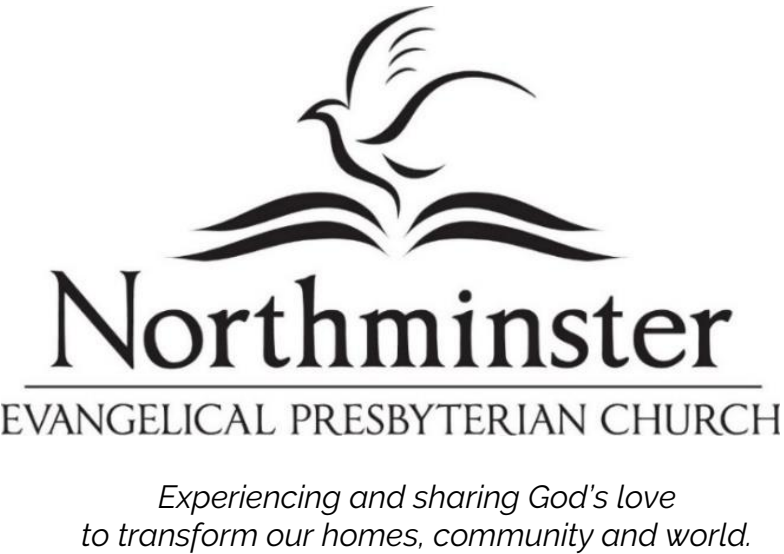
*BENEDICTION

*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, February 5
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2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

— I Peter 2:1-10 (ESV)