

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Anne Wilkins

CALL TO WORSHIP — Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

People: See, darkness covers the earth and
thick darkness is over the peoples,

Leader: but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

People: Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

*OPENING HYMN #26 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG How Great Is Our God

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 35.1

We believe that God, in infinite and perfect love, having
provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation
and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and
salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost
race of man, freely offers this salvation to all men in the
gospel. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come, All Christians, Be Committed
by Eva Brown Lloyd, music by B. F. White

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.

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 12:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

12:00 pm – Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch

6:00 pm – Youth Group Super Bowl Party
@ The Garrisons

Monday, February 13:

7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 14:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, February 15:

8:30 pm – Gleaning for the World

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16:

10:00 am – Women's Book Club

Next Sunday, February 19:

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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!

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Plan to stay after worship 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. Please bring a main dish
and a desert to share.

YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY @ 6:00 pm

Youth group is for students in grades 6-12. Tonight, we
meet at the Garrisons for a Super Bowl party!

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 10 am

The Women's Book Club will meet at Sharon Bryant's
home on February 16 at 10 a.m. They will be reading
Carolina Moonset by Matt Goldman. While caring for his
ailing father, Joey begins to realize there are secrets long
buried that might be accidentally uncovered. All women
are welcome.

GLEANNING FOR THE WORLD – THURSDAY @ 8:30 am

Please join us in the parking lot of the church for
carpooling. We will return to the church around 11:30 am.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – WED. FEB 22 @ NOON

The Community Lenten Services begin on Ash
Wednesday, February 22 at noon. The first service will be
at Amelon United Methodist Church, with Rev. David
Garrison preaching. Come and celebrate the season of
Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area.

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: Matthew 25:1-13
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: SURFING THE WAVES
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE
Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
— Matthew 25:13

*CLOSING HYMN #747 Lead On, O King Eternal

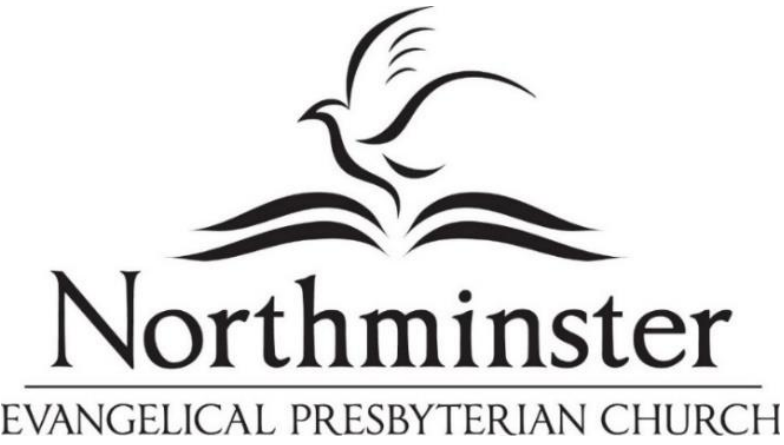
*BENEDICTION

*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 12
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Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamp and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ **7** Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ **10** And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. **11** Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ **12** But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ **13** Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

— Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)