

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*OPENING HYMN #108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

Jesus, I Come

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 3.1

We believe that from all eternity and by the completely wise and holy purpose of his own will, God has freely and unchangeably ordained whatever happens. This ordainment does not mean, however, that God is the author of sin (he is not), that he represses the will of his created beings, or that he takes away the freedom or contingency of secondary causes. Rather, the will of created beings and the freedom and contingency of secondary causes are established by him. Amen.

ANTHEM

Just as I Am, Lord
by Nancy Price & Don Besig
music by Don Besig

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 26:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesday, February 28:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, March 1:

12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service at
Randolph Memorial Baptist Church

7:00 pm – Choir

Next Sunday, March 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 TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm

Youth group is for students in grades 6-12. Tonight's topic is "Everyone is someone made uniquely in God’s image."

Next week we will begin a new topic: Sex. There is no shortage of opinions or ideas about what’s right, what’s wrong, and what’s actually best when it comes to the topic of sex. But, what if there’s more to it than we commonly think? What if sex is meant to be seen as good and powerful, because it’s actually God’s idea? In this four-week series we’ll discuss God’s design for sex and then talk about the way technology, confession, and boundaries intersect with the idea of living with “sexual integrity."

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – WED. MARCH 1 @ NOON

Come and celebrate the season of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area. This week's service will be held at Randolph Memorial Baptist Church. The preacher is Sara Hubble who will be speaking about "The Plea of Lent."

WHEN TO FIND PASTOR DAVID AT CHURCH

Now that things have returned to something resembling normal after the pandemic, Pastor David will be spending most of his time working from church instead of home. While there may be times when he has meetings or visits off campus, you are more likely to find him at church during these hours (just look for his car in the parking lot):

Mondays	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesdays	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Thursdays	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Friday	Office Closed; Pastor's Day Off

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 –
We give Thee but Thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 3:6-9
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 19:1-10
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WHERE ARE YOU?
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS
But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
— Genesis 3:9

*CLOSING HYMN #502 Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

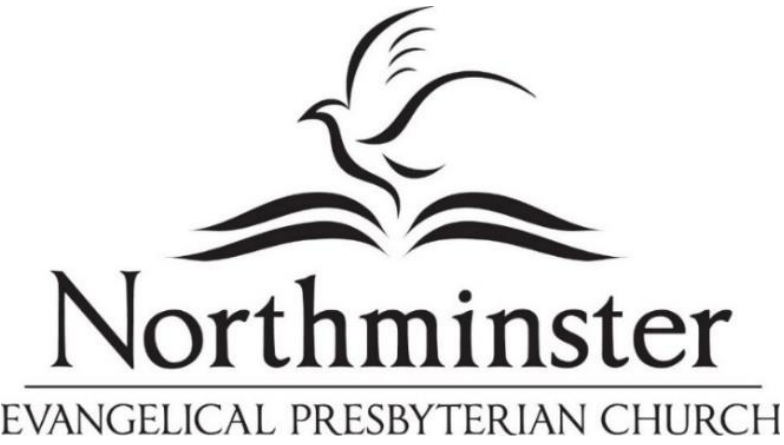
*POSTLUDE

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Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn,
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Pastor, David Garrison
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Sharon Bryant, *Sunday School*
Superintendent
Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker,
Treasurers

SERMON NOTES, February 26
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

— Genesis 3:6-9 (ESV)

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

— Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)