

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

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

**People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

\*OPENING SONG

Indescribable

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #451

Come Ye Sinners

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of compassion,**  
**you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming**  
**sinner who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in**  
**your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat**  
**them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your**  
**children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies**  
**the hungry heart.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who**  
**lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.25

Leader: What is sinful about the fallen condition of humans?

**People: The sinfulness of that fallen condition is two fold. First, in what is commonly called original sin, there is the guilt of Adam’s first sin with its lack of original righteousness and the corruption of his nature, by which**

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](http://www.npcmh.com), and on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/npcmh](http://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Today, March 5:**

**9:45 am** – Sunday School

**11:00 am** – Worship

**6:30 pm** – Youth Group

**Tuesday, March 7:**

**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

**Wednesday, March 8:**

**12:00 pm** – Community Lenten Service here at Northminster

**Thursday, March 9:**

**1:30 pm** – Monthly Session Meeting

**Next Sunday, March 12:**

**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. Today we will begin a new topic: Sex. There are many opinions about it, but 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 8 @ NOON**

Come and celebrate the season of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area. This week's service will be held here at Northminster. Donald Hamlette will be speaking on the theme “Confession.”

**MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH**

Our missions ministry for March is Gleaning for the World which provides relief supplies to those in need. Please join us on Wednesday, March 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot to go and help in person. You may also make a donation by specifying Gleaning for the World on your check memo line.

**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

humans are completely indisposed, incapacitated, and opposed to everything that is spiritually good as well as being completely and continually inclined to everything evil. Second are all the specific acts of disobedience that come from original sin. Amen.

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn  
by Frederick W. Faber; Music by Ken Medema

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 3:8-13  
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:17-20  
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 5:18-21  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?  
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS  
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution  
Partaking of the Communion Elements  
Closing

\*CLOSING HYMN #445 Just as I Am

\*BENEDICTION

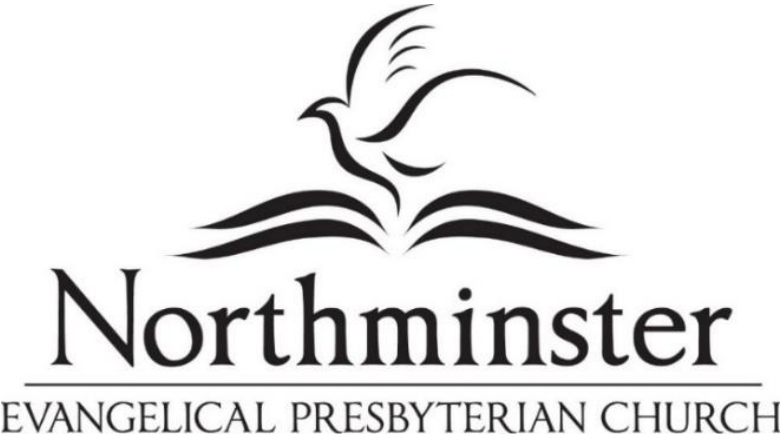
\*POSTLUDE

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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, March 5  
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<sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

— Genesis 3:8-13 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

— Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)