

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

People: God’s Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

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

People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

***HYMN #21** How Great Thou Art

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG** As It Is in Heaven

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

We believe that God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs, regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to the least, by his completely wise and holy providence. He does so in accordance with his infallible foreknowledge and the voluntary, unchangeable purpose of his own will, all to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. Amen.

ANTHEM And No Bird Sang
by Douglas E. Wagner

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, March 12:

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

Monday, March 13:

7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, March 15:

8:30 am – Gleaning for the World
12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service at Madison Heights Christian

Thursday, March 16:

10:00 am – Women’s Book Club

Next Sunday, March 19:

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.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm

Youth group is for students in grades 6-12. This March, in our 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.”

GLEANING FOR THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY @ 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 – WEDNESDAY @ NOON

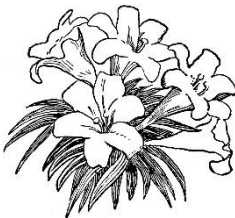
Come and celebrate the season of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area. This week’s service will be held at Madison Heights Christian. Dave Edinger will be speaking on the theme “Faith/Creed.”

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY, MARCH 16 @ 10 am

We will be reading *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior. All women are welcome.

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.



Easter Lily Signups

We will again provide Easter lilies in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. These lilies will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9, and then be available to take home. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily, please see the sign-up information on the bulletin board and use a separate form for each lily you wish to purchase. The cost is \$8 each, and the deadline to sign up/pay is April 2.

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: Job 38:1-7
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 9:19-25
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: 77
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS
“Who is this that darkens counsel
by words without knowledge?” — Job 38:2

*CLOSING HYMN #212 What Wondrous Love Is This?

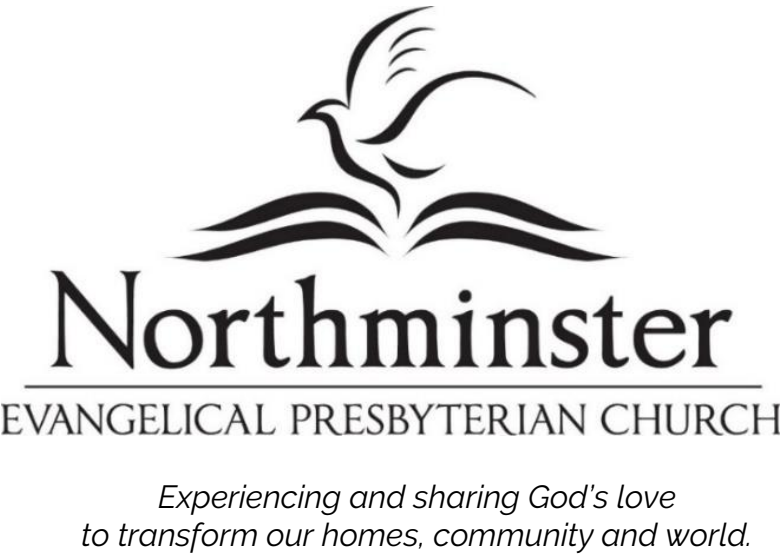
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

SERMON NOTES, March 12
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38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
7 when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

— Job 38:1-7 (ESV)