

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Mike Henderson

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

\*HYMN #93

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*PRAISE SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

GUIDED PRAYER

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.57-59

Leader: What benefits have been gained by Christ's mediation?

People: By his mediation, Christ has gained redemption with all the other benefits of the covenant of grace.

Leader: How do we share in the benefits Christ has gained?

People: We share in the benefits Christ has gained, as a particular work of God the Holy Spirit, when they are put into effect in us.

Leader: Who shares in the redemption through Christ?

People: Redemption is inevitably and effectively imparted to all those for whom Christ purchased it, who in the process of time are enabled by the Holy Spirit to believe in Christ as presented in the gospel.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today, March 19:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesday, March 14:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, March 15:

12:00 pm – Community Lenten Service at Rose Chapel

Next Sunday, March 26:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Youth Group

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2 – 11:00 am Worship Service

Good Friday, April 7 – 7:30 pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 9 – 7:30 am Sunrise Service

11:00 am Worship Service

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

If you knew your time on Earth was coming to an end, what would you want to say to the people in your life before you go? For Jesus, the days leading up to His death were filled with meaningful conversations with the people around Him. In this series, as we look at some of His last words, we’ll discover what Jesus really wanted His followers—both then and now—to know. Tonight, our topic is: Remembering reminds us of what Jesus has done, is doing, and will continue to do.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – WEDNESDAY @ NOON

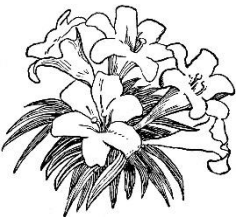
Come and celebrate the season of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area. This week’s service will be held at Rose Chapel. George Harris will be speaking on *Discernment*.

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING HERE, MAY 5-6

We are excited to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the New River Presbytery on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot to do to prepare for this meeting and we need everyone's help! Be sure to see the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, see Pastor David, Anne Wilkins or Linda Lange. Thanks for helping us extend our hospitality!

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.

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: Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 16:24-28  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: THE WORLD OR YOUR SOUL?  
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS  
*"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" — Matthew 16:26*

\*CLOSING HYMN #584 Have Thine Own Way

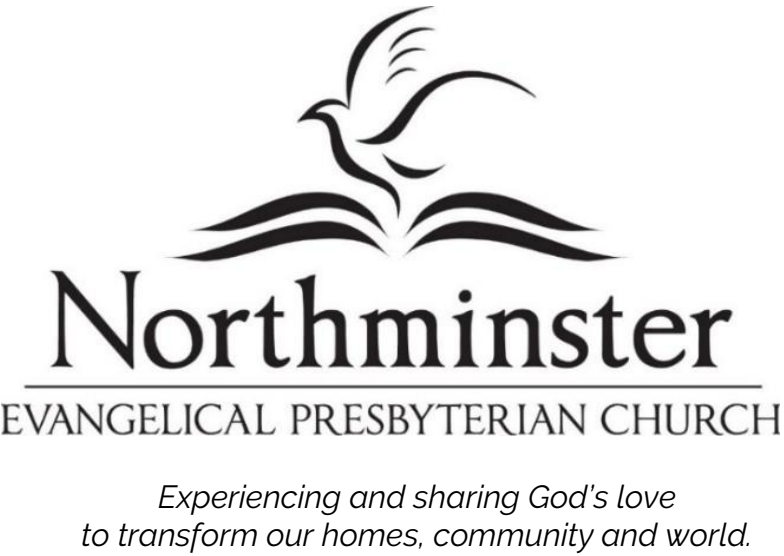
\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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SERMON NOTES, March 19  
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<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.  
— Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”  
— Matthew 16:24-28 (ESV)