

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN #235 Christ Arose

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #484 The Old Rugged Cross

GUIDED PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.52

Leader: How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

People: Christ’s exaltation in his resurrection began with his body not decaying, since it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. On the third day, he rose again from the dead by his own power and in the very same body with all its essential qualities in which he had suffered (but it was not subject to death and the other infirmities associated with this life), and it was truly united to his soul. By his resurrection, he plainly declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have conquered death as well as him who holds the power of death, and to be Lord of the living and the dead. He did all this as a general representative of humanity and as head of his church in order to justify believers, make them alive in his grace, support them against their enemies, and assure them that they too will be resurrected from the dead at the last day. 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, April 9:

7:30 am – Sunrise Service

11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, April 11:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, April 12:

12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time

Next Sunday, April 16:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship



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.

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

We will not be meeting next week (Easter) or the following week (spring break).

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

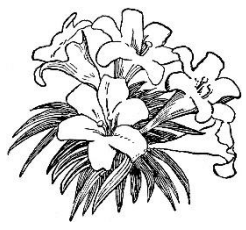
If you’re looking for an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to join us Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. We gather in the Fellowship Hall and study books of the Bible, discuss relevant topics from a biblical perspective, and encourage each other in our walk with the Lord. We look forward to seeing you!

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING HERE, MAY 5-6

We are excited to host the 3rd Stated Meeting of the New River Presbytery on May 5th & 6th. 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 the month of April is the **Burundi Hope Project** established by Mark and Susan May. The work of Burundi Hope includes schools for deaf and blind students, a fish farm, sewing center, chicken business, church support, and training for pastors and teachers. You may make a donation to this important ministry by specifying **Burundi** on your check memo line.



EASTER LILIES

Thank you to the people who bought Easter lilies. Please remember to pick them up on your way out of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM "He Is Risen Today"
by Gene Grier, arranged by Douglas Wagner

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:1-14
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE
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*CLOSING HYMN #229 Lift High the Cross

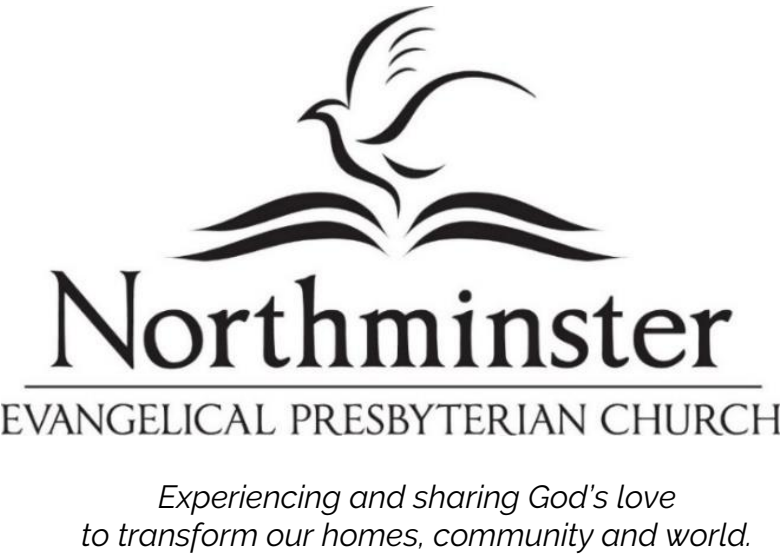
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*POSTLUDE

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John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker, Treasurers
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins

SERMON NOTES, April 9
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6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

— Romans 6:1-14 (ESV)