

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Liturgist: John Lange

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — (from Psalm 139:14-17)  
Leader: O God, I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
**People: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret. Your eyes saw my unformed substance.**  
Leader: In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.  
**People: How precious to me are your thoughts O God! How vast is the sum of them.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #239 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #78 O God Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Loving God: You pour out grace with such abundance that we sometimes take for granted the gifts we’ve received. We act like petulant children instead of thoughtful stewards. We scorn the Law you sent to be our guardian. We forget that you adopted us and made us your heirs. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Help us set aside our selfish quarrels. Help us look beyond artificial distinctions. Remind us yet again of our heritage and our inheritance. Hear us when we cry “Abba! Father!”  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed  
Leader: Christian, what do you believe?  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and**

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, April 16:  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
We welcome the Liberty University Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. John Hugo and thank them for helping lead us in worship this morning.

Tuesday, April 18:  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution  
**1:30 pm** – Monthly Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 19:  
**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World  
**12:00 pm** – Midweek Prayer Time  
**2:30 pm** – Worship Committee Meeting  
**7:00 pm** – Choir

Thursday, April 20:  
**10:00 am** – Women’s Book Club

Next Sunday, April 23:  
**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.

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT  
We will not be meeting next week this 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!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY April 20 @ 10:00 am  
The Women's Book Club will meet at Anne Wilkin's home on April 20 at 10 a.m. They will be reading *The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery* by Richard Osman. Our four fearless septuagenarians are at it again, solving yet another mystery; this one involves diamonds and murder. All women are welcome.

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.

FLOOR CLEANING  
Please note that the church will be closed Monday, April 24, and Tuesday, April 25, to have the floors cleaned and waxed.

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 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.

sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy, catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM – Liberty University Concert Choir

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 – Liberty University Concert Choir

\*Offertory Response – *Doxology*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Galatians 3:23-4:7  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
***People: Thanks be to God***

SERMON: IDENTITY FORMED BY FAITH  
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE  
*So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. – Galatians 4:7*

\*CLOSING HYMN #482 My Hope Is in the Lord

\*BENEDICTION

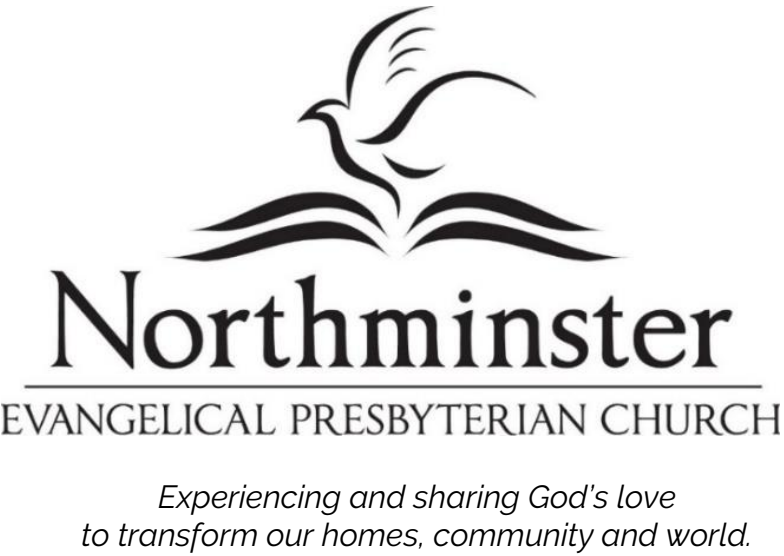
\*CHORAL AMEN

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**ELDERS**  
Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session),  
John Lange, Liz Boothe  
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn,  
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins

*Pastor, David Garrison*  
**Bob Mills, Director of Music**  
Sharon Bryant, *Sunday School*  
*Superintendent*  
Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker,  
*Treasurers*

SERMON: **SERMON NOTES, April 16**  
**IDENTITY FORMED BY FAITH**  
**SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE**  
*So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. – Galatians 4:7*



<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**4** I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.