

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Anne Wilkins

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 118
Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: his love endures forever.
Leader: In our anguish we cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: his love endures forever.
Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: his love endures forever.
Leader: We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: his love endures forever.
Leader: The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
**People: The LORD has done this;
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN #60** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #517** The Solid Rock

GUIDED PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Westminster Confession of Faith 18.1
We believe that hypocrites and other unregenerate people may deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions about their being in God's favor and about their being saved. Their presumptions will die with them. However, those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus, who honestly love him and try to walk in good conscience before him, may in this life be assured with certainty that they are in a state of grace. They may also rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and they will never be ashamed of that hope. 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 23:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Youth Group (off campus)

Monday, April 24:
All Day – Church is closed for floor cleaning/waxing

Tuesday, April 25:
All Day – Church is closed for floor cleaning/waxing
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution outside in parking lot

Thursday, April 27:
8:30 am – Gleaning for the World

Next Sunday, April 30:
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
Tonight, youth group will meet at David and Karey Garrison's house. We're continuing our series, *Before I Go*. We'll see you there!

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!

GLEANING FOR THE WORLD – THURSDAY @ 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 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!

HELPING HANDS OFFERING – NEXT SUNDAY
Each 5th Sunday, any undesignated offerings placed in the collection plates goes to Helping Hands, a ministry of churches in the Madison Heights-Elon area of Amherst County to help residents in need. It is administered through Madison Heights Baptist Church. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of those in our community!

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.

ANTHEM 10,000 Reasons, arranged by Lloyd Larson

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 – *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: Philippians 3:2-11
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: AMBITION SHAPED BY HOPE
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE
But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss
for the sake of Christ. — Phil. 3:7

*CLOSING HYMN #482 My Hope Is in the Lord

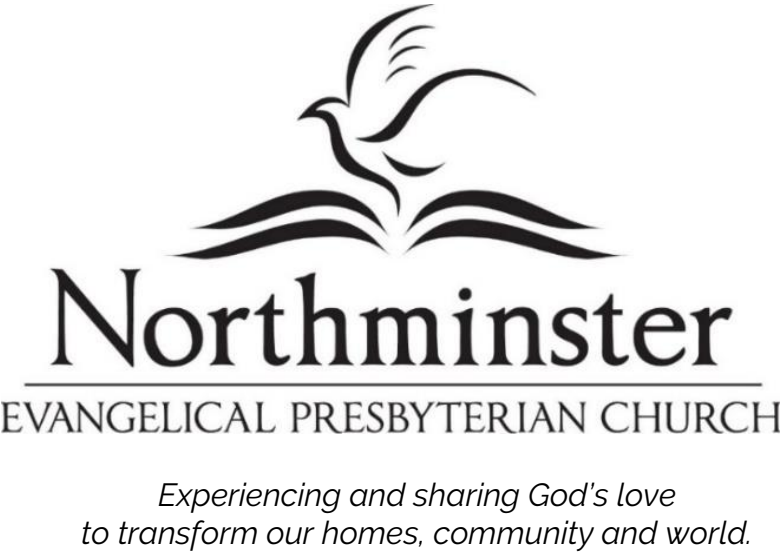
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POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
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, April 23
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²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

— Philippians 3:2-11 (ESV)