

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Mike Henderson

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — (Psalm145:17-20)

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways

**People: and kind in all his works.**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

**People: to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

**People: he also hears their cry and saves them.**

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him.

\*HYMN #802 Brethren, We have Met to Worship

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #697 In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God: How often we put our own desires ahead of what you want for us. How easily we stray from the path you’ve given us to follow. How quickly we forget the breadth and the depth of your love. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Reorder our disordered desires. Restore us to the Way you’ve set before us. Remind us that we’re called to share your love with those around us. 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 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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 30:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School

**11:00 am** – Worship

**6:30 pm** –Youth Group

Tuesday, May 2:

**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, May 3:

**12:00 pm** – Midweek Prayer Time

**7:00 pm** – Choir

Friday, May 5:

**New River Presbytery Meeting**

**7:00 pm** – Worship Service at Elon

Saturday, May 6:

**New River Presbytery Meeting**

Next Sunday, May 7:

**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, we will again be meeting at the church. 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!

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!

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY WORSHIP SERVICE, MAY 5 @ 7 pm

**Evening Worship Service** on May 5 is open for anyone to attend. The service will be at **Elon Presbyterian Church** and should be starting around 7 p.m.

HELPING HANDS OFFERING

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 *Praise Ye the Lord – Julie Knowles*

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: I Corinthians 9:19-23  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
*People: Thanks be to God*

SERMON: AFFECTIONS DETERMINED BY LOVE  
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE  
*For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all. – I Corinthians 9:19*

\*CLOSING HYMN #558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

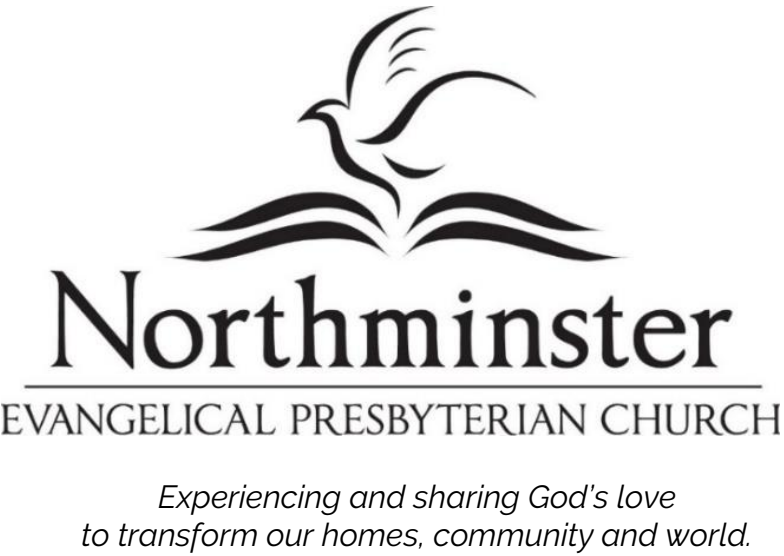
\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

SERMON NOTES, April 30  
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<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

— I Corinthians 9:19-23 (ESV)