

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 14, 2023Mother’s Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Mike Henderson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on Romans 6:9-10  
Leader: Christ is risen from the dead.  
**People: Alleluia!**  
Leader: We know that since Christ was raised from the dead,  
**People: he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.**  
Leader: The death he died, he died to sin once for all;  
**People: but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

\*HYMN #473And Can It Be

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*PRAISE SONGAs It Is In Heaven

GUIDED PRAYER

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 11.3  
**We believe that, by his obedience and death Christ completely discharged the debt of all those who are so justified, and he made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to his Father’s justice on their behalf. Since Christ was voluntarily given by the Father for them, and since his obedience and satisfaction were accepted in their place and not for anything in them, their justification is the result only of his free grace — so that both the perfect justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF THE GIFT OF MOTHERS

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, Sunday, May 14:**  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
**6:30 pm** –Youth Group

**Tuesday, May 16:**  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

**Wednesday, May 17:**  
**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World  
**12:00 pm** – Midweek Prayer Time  
**7:00 pm** – Choir

**Thursday, May 18:**  
**10 am** – Women's Book Club  
**1:30 pm** – Session Meeting

**Next Sunday, May 21:**  
**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**  
Join us tonight for our summer series "Start the Party." Our faith is meant to be fun. Our lives are meant to be loaded with joy. Our mission is to make a way for other people to get the most out of every day. Come join us!

**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 – 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.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER – WEDNESDAYS @ Noon**  
Please join us on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer in the sanctuary as we bring our needs before our loving God.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY @ 10 am**  
The Women's Book Club will meet on **Thursday, May 18, at 10 a.m.** at Liz Boothe's house. They will be reading *Sooley* by John Grisham. All women are welcome.

**MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH**  
Our focus for the month of May is **Daystar Junior School**. Opened in 2015, this school is for children ages 3 to 15 years and is located in the slum areas of Kirombe Uganda, East Africa. Donations from Northminster have helped to purchase uniforms for the students and wood for new desks. You may make a donation to this special ministry by specifying **Daystar** on your check memo line.

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 READINGS: Philemon 8-20;  
Romans 3:21-26  
  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
***People: Thanks be to God***

SERMON: Cross-Shaped Lives Embodying Justice & Mercy  
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE  
*It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*  
— Romans 3:26

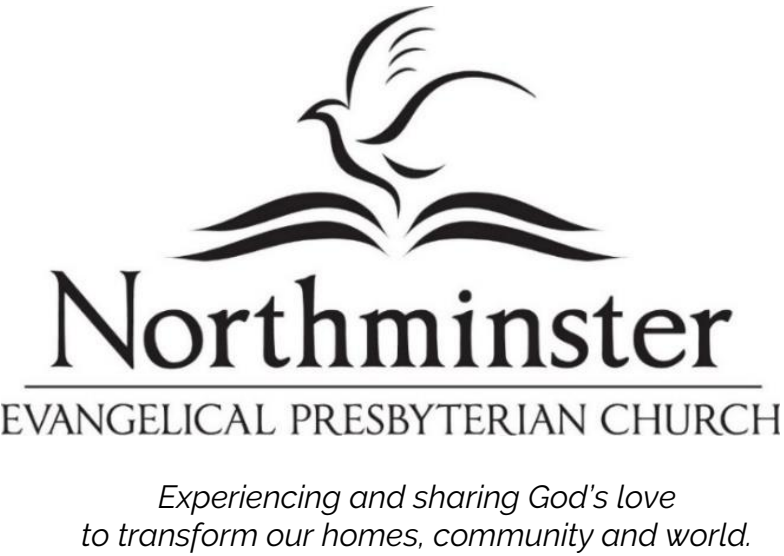
\*CLOSING HYMN #486 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
  
\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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<i>Pastor, David Garrison</i>	
<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>Bob Mills, Director of Music</b>
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, MAY 14  
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<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. — Philemon 8-19 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. — Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)