

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 21, 2023Ascension of the Lord Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 47:5-8
Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
People: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
People: sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
People: sing to him a psalm of praise.
Leader: God reigns over the nations;
People: God is seated on his holy throne.

*HYMN #45Come Thou Fount

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONGHow Great Is Our God

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.53
Leader: How was Christ exalted in his ascension?
People: Christ’s exaltation in his ascension began after his resurrection when he appeared to the apostles a number of times, talked to them about the kingdom of God, and commissioned them to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after his resurrection, in our human nature and as our head, he visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over enemies. There he receives gifts for men, raises our minds, and prepares a place for us, where he himself is and shall continue to be until his second coming at the end of the world. Amen.

ANTHEMGod Bless All Those I Love, by Ron Harris

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, Sunday, May 21:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm –Youth Group

Tuesday, May 23:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, May 24:
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time

Next Sunday, May 28:
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.

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 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!

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.

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: Titus 2:11-14
1 Timothy 3:16, 4:6-8
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: Prudence, Wisdom, Godliness:
A Cruciformed Quest for Truth
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE
*While bodily training is of some value,
godliness is of value in every way. — 1 Timothy 4:8*

*CLOSING HYMN #532 Be Thou My Vision

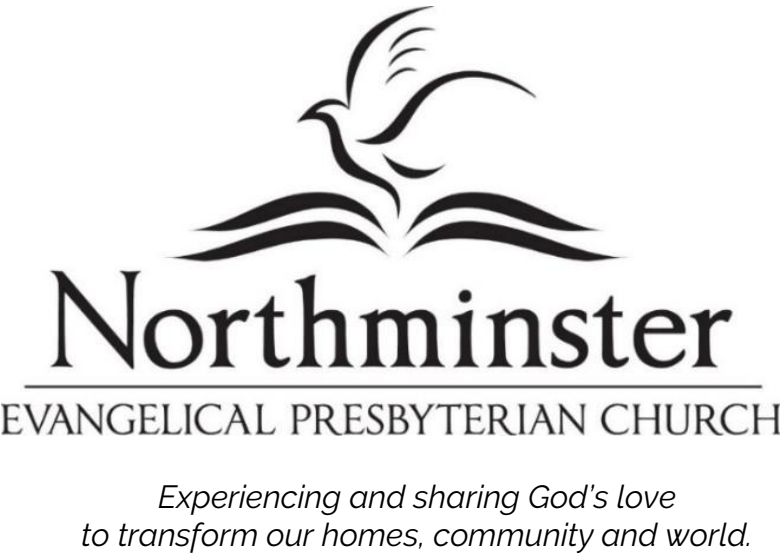
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please Stand* Copyright License #254910

<i>Pastor, David Garrison</i>	
ELDERS	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, MAY 21
NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: Titus 2:11-14
1 Timothy 3:16, 4:6-8
SERMON: Prudence, Wisdom, Godliness:
A Cruciformed Quest for Truth
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE
*While bodily training is of some value,
godliness is of value in every way. — 1 Timothy 4:8*



¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
— Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

¹⁶Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.
— 1Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

⁶If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.
— 1Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV)