

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Ps. 105:1-2; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 4:8

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: we dwell in him and he in us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: and speak of all his marvelous works.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come!

*OPENING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 34.3

We believe that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their comforter and sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of adoption and prayer, and performs all these gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption. Amen.

ANTHEM

Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope,
by Douglas Nolan

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 28:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Monday, May 29 MEMORIAL DAY:

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, May 31:

12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time

2:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

Next Sunday, June 4:

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.

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!

MIDWEEK 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.

ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In James 5:13-14 we read, *"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."* Each Sunday, two elders will be available in the New Song room following worship for anyone who needs or would like prayer.

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
Romans 8:1-4
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: TEMPERANCE OR SOBRIETY:
PASSIONS TETHERED
SERIES: THE CRUCIFORMED LIFE
He 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 2:14

*CLOSING HYMN #568 Take My Life And Let It Be

*BENEDICTION

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*
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Superintendent
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker, *Treasurers*



SERMON NOTES, MAY 28

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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who 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)

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
— Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)