SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Anne Wilkins

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Romans 5:1-5

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: In the shadow of God's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #2

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG Jesus, I Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table.

(A time of silent confession)

Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 WEEKS OF JUNE 4-18

Today, Sunday, June 4:

9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship

Tuesday, June 6:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, June 7:

12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time **7:00 pm –** Choir Practice

Next Sunday, June 11:

9:45 am - Sunday School11:00 am - Worship12:30 pm - Potluck Lunch with Gleaning For The World

Tuesday, June 13:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution **6:00 pm –** Outreach Planning Party (with Pizza!)

Wednesday, June 14:

12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time **7:00 pm –** Choir Practice

Thursday, June 15:

10:00 am – Women's Book Club 1:30 pm – Session

Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day):

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.

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 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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB - THURSDAY, JUNE 15 @ 10AM

The Women's Book Club will meet at June Hedrick's home on Thursday, June 15 at 10:00 am. The book we are reading is <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah. All women are welcome!

OUTREACH PLANNING PARTY - Thursday, June 13, 6pm

Now that our church is more visible from Route 29, we want to find ways to welcome the community. We need ideas for reimagining our church life with growth and outreach in mind. Be thinking about how we can make our exterior, interior, and programs appealing to the community. Let's make plans!

POTLUCK LUNCH WITH GLEANING FOR THE WORLD

On Sunday, June 11, following worship, we will have a potluck meal to kick off the summer. Bring your favorite foods to share. Our guest speaker will be Michael Justice, Director of Donor Services at Gleaning for the World. We look forward to a rich **G LEANING** time of fellowship, delicious food, and the chance to learn about this vital ministry right here in our own backyard.

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

Our focus for the month of June is the **Chris Irvine Memorial Habitat for Humanity House**. Chris is the son of Larry & Sue Irvine. He worked for Habitat-Lynchburg before his death in 2020 and he designed this particular home. He is remembered as growing up in our church and the Missions Committee has chosen this as our mission project for the month of June. You may make a donation to this special ministry by specifying **Habitat-Lynchburg** on your check memo line.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 2.3
We believe that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, having one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Father exists. He is not generated and does not come from any source. The Son is eternally generated from the Father, and the Holy Spirit eternally comes from the Father and the Son. Amen.

ANTHEM

What A Friend We Have In Jesus by Joseph Scriven

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:

Hebrews 2:1-4

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

ALWAYS ONLY JESUS SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature. — Hebrews 1:3

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution Partaking of the Communion Elements Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #579

I Surrender All

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

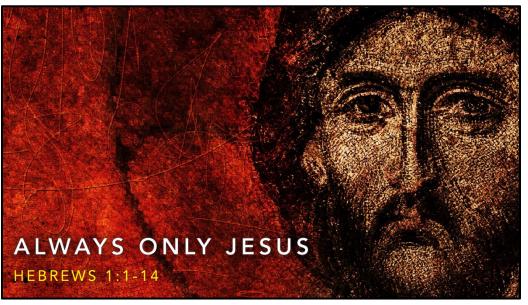
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SERMON NOTES, JUNE 4



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

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

7 Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸ But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,

the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

10 And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

like a robe you will roll them up,

like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will have no end."

And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

- Hebrews 1:1-14 (ESV)