

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

June 11, 2023Second Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 119:18-34

Leader: Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

People: Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

Leader: Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

People: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

*OPENING HYMN #612How Firm A Foundation

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #540Take Time To Be Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most Merciful God: You have given us the gift of a restored relationship with you through the priestly sacrifice of Jesus Christ. You have given us your Word, to show us how to live in response to what you've done for us. You have given us your Holy Spirit to abide within us and to guide us. And yet at times we lose our sense of direction. Sometimes we drift away from your teachings out of neglect or carelessness. Sometimes we petulantly point ourselves down dangerous paths. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Remind us of that hope that is an anchor for our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — The Apostle's Creed

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

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 WEEK OF JUNE 11-18

Sunday, June 11:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

12:30 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

Next Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day):

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

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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 The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. All women are welcome!

OUTREACH PLANNING PARTY – TUESDAY, 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

Following worship this morning 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 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 donate to this special ministry by specifying **Habitat-Lynchburg** on your check memo line.



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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 – *Your Work, O God*
Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere;
And some there are who cannot serve,
unless our gifts we share
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make;
Be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 2:1-4
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: IS THERE ANY UP OR DOWN LEFT?
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS
Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. — Hebrews 2:1

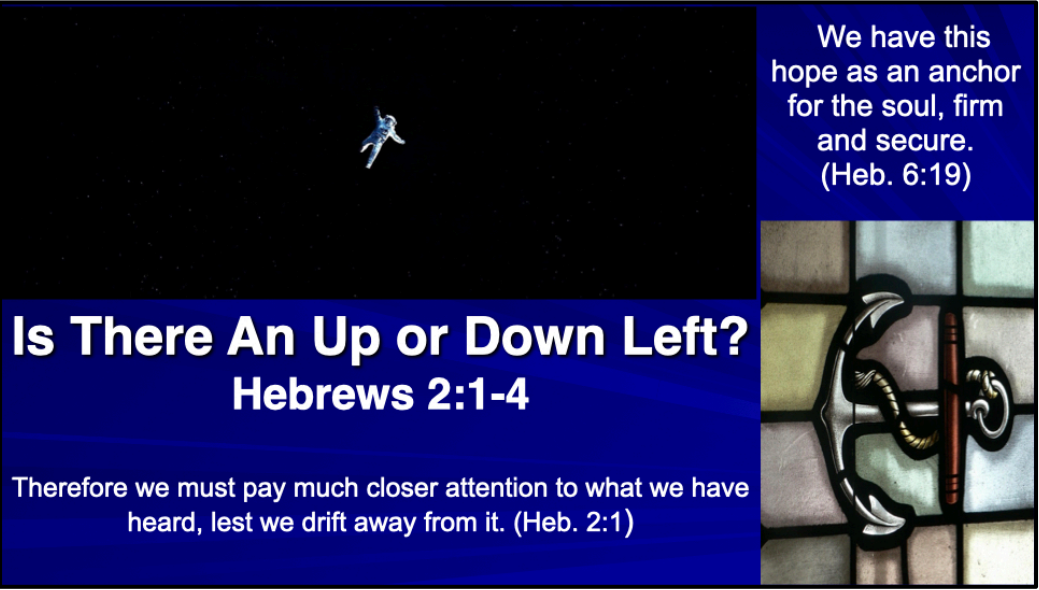
*CLOSING HYMN #514 Blessed Assurance

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, *Sunday School*
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, *Superintendent*
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker, *Treasurers*



SERMON NOTES, JUNE 11



¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

— Hebrews 2:1-4 (ESV)