

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jude Nyanzi

Principal of Daystar Junior School Kirombe in Uganda

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — Matthew 11:28-29  
Leader: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
**People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;**  
Leader: for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
**People: and you will find rest for your souls.”**

\*OPENING HYMN #77

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SONG

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

GUIDED PRAYER

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.55  
Leader: How does Christ intercede?  
**People: Christ intercedes by continually appearing in our human nature before the Father in heaven. There he makes his will clear that his own merit of obedience and sacrifice on earth be applied to all believers; he answers all the accusations against believers and makes sure they have peace of conscience, in spite of their daily failings; and he welcomes them without hesitation to the throne of grace and accepts who they are and what they do for him. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ANTHEM

“Come, Follow Me” E. & S. Kupferschmid

Melanie Bennett & Meg Garrison, Flutes

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 WEEK OF JUNE 25-JULY 2


Sunday, June 25 (Graduation Sunday):  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School – Visit from Jude Nyanzi  
**11:00 am** – Worship

Monday, June 26:  
**6:30 pm** – Christian Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 27:  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution



Wednesday, June 28:  
**12:00 pm** – Midweek Prayer Time


Next Sunday, July 2:  
**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.

JUDE NYANZI VISITING THIS MORNING

Our Minute for Mission this morning is Jude Nyanzi from the Daystar Junior School in Kampala, Uganda. We have provided much support for Daystar over the years, and are grateful to hear directly from Jude how God has been and continues to work through his ministry and school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Megan Aderholt and Kaleigh Bennett. May God continue to strengthen and direct you as you start this exciting new chapter of your lives.

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 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.

LIVESTREAM MOVING TO YOUTUBE – NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2

Beginning Sunday, July 2 we will be livestreaming from our YouTube channel instead of Facebook. Simply go to [youtube.com/@npcmh](https://youtube.com/@npcmh) (don't forget the @ symbol) then click or tap the “subscribe” button. Let us know if you need help preparing for this change.

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP

Scan the QR code under the weekly calendar with the camera on your smartphone to download our app! In the app are the church calendar, small group and volunteer opportunities, the online church directory, and more. If you need help, see Peter Garrison before or after the worship service.

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 4:1-16  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
***People: Thanks be to God***

SERMON: TRUE REST  
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS  
*So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. — Hebrews 4:9-10*

\*CLOSING HYMN #641 All The Way My Savior Leads Me

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**Pastor, David Garrison**  
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**Sharon Bryant, Sunday**  
**School Superintendent**  
**Mike Henderson &**  
**Barbara Baker,**  
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SERMON NOTES, JUNE 25

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,  
“As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”  
although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
— Hebrews 4:1-16 (ESV)