

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Anne Wilkins
Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Leader: Come now, all who thirst,
People: and drink the water of life.
Leader: Come now, all who hunger,
People: and be filled with good things.
Leader: Come now, all who seek,
People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

***OPENING HYMN #416** Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG** Come Ye Sinners

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

[Time for silent, personal confession]

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.42
Leader: Why was our mediator called Christ?
People: Our mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond all measure. Consequently, he was set apart and completely

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 JULY 2-JULY 9


Sunday, July 2:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

Monday, July 3:
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center

Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day):
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution


Wednesday, July 5:
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice


Next Sunday, July 9:
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.

JULY NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

The July newsletter is now available. You can download it from the website or pick up a copy in the church narthex.

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Our focus for the month of July is **Christmas in July**, supporting Operation Christmas Child & Christmas Food Baskets. This month, we are collecting canned meats and/or peanut butter and jelly in separate jars. There will be collection containers in the Fellowship Hall and food suggestion for each month. You may donate to Operation Christmas Child by specifying **OCC** on your check memo line. See the newsletter for more information. Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE CHANGE – BEGINS 8/27

Beginning Sunday, August 27 the worship service will start at **10:30 am**. Additionally, Sunday School will begin at **9:00 am**. We are excited about how this change will enhance our discipleship, worship and fellowship. Read more about this change in this month's newsletter.

LIVESTREAM HAS MOVED TO YOUTUBE – TODAY, JULY 2

Beginning TODAY, Sunday, July 2 we will be livestreaming from our YouTube channel instead of Facebook. Simply go to 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.

equipped with all authority and power to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in both his humiliation and his exaltation. Amen.

ANTHEM When I Survey The Wonderful Cross
Arr. Carol Tornquist

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 4:14-5:10
Pastor: *The Word of the Lord*
People: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON: HE GETS US
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS
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 4:16

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution
Partaking of the Communion Elements
Closing

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

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



SERMON NOTES, JULY 2



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

^{4:14} 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

^{5:1} For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

^{5:5} So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

^{5:6} as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

^{5:7} In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

— Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (ESV)