## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 2023

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost** 

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 95:6-7 Liturgist: Mike Henderson

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Leader: for he is our God

People: and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

\*OPENING HYMN #66

The God of Abraham Praise

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SONG

As It Is In Heaven

**GUIDED PRAYER** 

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.79 Leader: Since true believers are imperfect, are tempted, and commit sin, can they fall out of their state of grace?

People: Because of God's unchangeable love, he has decreed and made a covenant with believers that they will persevere, that they are inseparably united to Christ, who continually intercedes for them, and that the Spirit and the seed of God abide in them. Consequently, they can never completely or finally fall out of their state of grace, because the power of God preserves their salvation through faith. Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. Hal Hopson

### 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.

# 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 fover table. You can also learn more about us on our website: www.npcmh.com, on Facebook/npcmh, and YouTube: www.youtube.com/@npcmh.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9-JULY 16

# Sunday, July 9:

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

## Monday, July 10:

10:00 am - Amherst County Senior Center 7:00 pm - Habitat For Humanity Board Meeting

## Tuesday, July 11:

**12:00 pm –** Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution 1:30 pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - Youth @ FunQuest

### Wednesday, July 12:

10:00 am - Amherst County Senior Center 12:00 pm - Midweek Prayer Time

### Thursday, July 13:

1:30 pm - July Session Meeting

### 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.

### YOUTH @ FUNQUEST - TUESDAY, JULY 11, 6:00PM

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a fun night of skating and games at FunQuest! \$2 to skate, \$6 to rent skates. Bring additional \$ for food or other activities (Laser Tag, Arcade, etc.). If you need a ride, meet at the church at 5:30 PM or meet up at FunQuest at 6 PM.

### JULY NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILBLE

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.

# 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.

## 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:** 

**GROWING UP** 

**SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS** 

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity. — Hebrews 6:1

\*CLOSING HYMN #517

The Solid Rock

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 



**SERMON NOTES, JULY 9** 

\*Please Stand

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**ELDERS** 

Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session), John Lange, Liz Boothe, Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins

Bob Mills, Director of Music Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker. **Treasurers** 



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

- 5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, <sup>13</sup> for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good
- <sup>6:1</sup> Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laving again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup> For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.
- 6:9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. 10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. 11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup> For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. <sup>17</sup> So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

- Hebrews 5:11-6:20 (ESV)