

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12
Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,
People: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

***OPENING HYMN #483** Arise, My Soul, Arise

*OPENING PRAYER

***SONG** Better Is One Day

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.44
Leader: How is Christ a priest?
People: As priest, Christ offered himself once for all as a spotless sacrifice to God to reconcile the sins of his people, and he continually intercedes for them. Amen.

ANTHEM This Is My Father’s World

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 foyer table. You can also learn more about us on our website: www.npcmh.com, on Facebook/[npcmh](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh), and YouTube: www.youtube.com/@npcmh.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16-23

- Sunday, July 16:**
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
- Monday, July 17:**
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center
- Tuesday, July 18:**
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution
- Wednesday, July 19:**
8:30 am – Gleaning for the World (meet in church parking lot)
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice
- Thursday, July 20:**
10:30 am – Women’s Book Club
- Next Sunday, July 23:**
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

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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 for a intergenerational Sunday school class, 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.

GLEANING FOR THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY, 8:30AM
Please join us in the parking lot of the church for carpooling. We will return to the church around 11:30 am.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY, 10:00AM
The Women’s Book Club will meet at the Bryants’ River Place on Thursday, July 20 at 10:00 AM. This month’s book is Authentically, Izzy by Pepper Basham.

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 7:1-28
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: PLOT TWIST
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS
*...but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced,
through which we draw near to God. — Hebrews 7:19*

*CLOSING HYMN #728 Jesus Saves

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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SERMON NOTES, JULY 16

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

7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

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7:15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him,
"You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek."

7:18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

7:20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:
"The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
'You are a priest forever.'"

7:22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

7:23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

7:26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

— Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-28 (ESV)