

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Liz Boothe

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10
Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words: “I am the Lord, who heals you.”
People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.
Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.
People: We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

***OPENING HYMN #95** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG** Jesus, I Come

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.34
Leader: How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?
People: The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances. All of these foreshadowed the coming of Christ and were sufficient for that time to build up the faith of the elect in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of their sins and eternal salvation. Amen.

ANTHEM *The Lord is My Shepherd* J. Gallina
Helen Ford & Karey Garrison, duet

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 30-AUGUST 6

Sunday, July 30:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship


Monday, July 31:
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center
6:30 pm – Christian Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 1:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, August 2:
10:00 am – Amherst County Senior Center
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice


Saturday, August 5:
2:15 pm – “The Hiding Place” Movie (@ River Ridge Mall)

Next Sunday, August 6:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

 church center

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- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check

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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 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.

HELPING HANDS OFFERING – THIS MORNING
Each 5th Sunday, any undesignated offerings placed in the collection plates goes to Helping Hands, a ministry of churches in the Madison Heights-Elon area of Amherst County to help residents in need. It is administered through Madison Heights Baptist Church. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of those in our community!

CORRIE TEN BOOM'S THE HIDING PLACE – SAT Aug. 5, 2:15pm
Join us at Regal River Ridge to see A.S. Peterson's stage adaptation of Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*. *The Hiding Place* is Corrie Ten Boom and her family's story of risking everything to hide Jewish refugees—a story of faith, hope, love, and forgiveness in the face of un-thinkable evil. Tickets are \$16.05 each. Learn more and buy tickets at www.thehidingplacefilm.com.

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.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory In Many Wonderful Ways G. Gilpin
Helen Ford, solo

*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 9:11-22
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WORSE THAN WE THINK
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS
Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood,
and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
— Hebrews 9:22

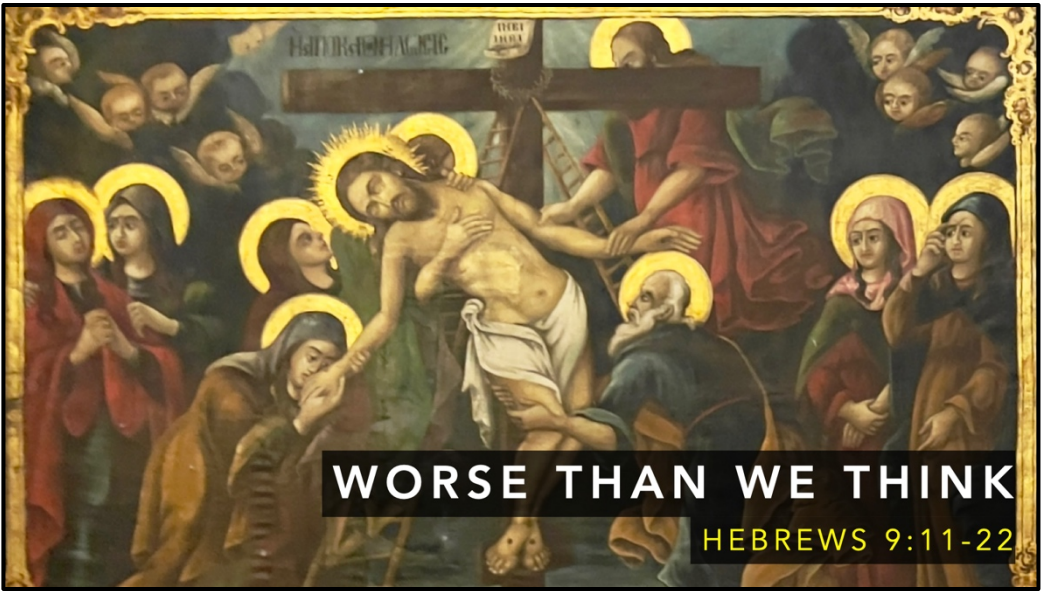
*CLOSING HYMN #471 Nothing But The Blood of Jesus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Pastor, David Garrison
ELDERS Bob Mills, Director of Music
Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session), Sharon Bryant, Sunday
John Lange, Liz Boothe, School Superintendent
Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins, Mike Henderson &
Mike Henderson Barbara Baker,
Treasurers



SERMON NOTES, JULY 30



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

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
— Hebrews 9:11-22 (ESV)