

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 14, 2021 Twentyfifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on Psalm 124:8

Leader: "Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth."

**People: What did God do to help us?**

Leader: God chose the people of Israel to make  
a new beginning.

**People: They received God's covenant and prepared the way  
for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of the covenant,  
the God of heaven and earth.

#### \*OPENING SONG

Jesus, I Come

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN #517

The Solid Rock

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — WSC Q. 39-42**

Leader: What does God require of man?

**People: God requires man to obey his revealed will.**

Leader: What rules did God first reveal for man to obey?

**People: The rules he first revealed were the moral law.**

Leader: Where is the moral law summarized?

**People: The moral law is summarized in the ten  
commandments.**

Leader: What is the sum of the ten commandments?

**People: The essence of the ten commandments is to love the  
Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul,  
with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to  
love everyone else as we love ourselves.**

## 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 NOVEMBER 14

#### Today:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

**6:30 pm** – Sunday Night Live (Grades 4-12)

#### Tuesday, November 16:

**12 pm** - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

#### Wednesday, November 17:

**10:30 am** – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

**7 pm** – Choir practice

#### Thursday, November 18:

**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World

#### Sunday, November 21:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

**12:15 pm** – Congregational Meeting

**6:30 pm** – Sunday Night Live

## 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.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY NOV. 21 @ 12:15 PM

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 21 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing elders for the class of 2024 and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2022. The nominees for elder are Liz Boothe and Debbie Irvine. The meeting will not be broadcast online.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS – SATURDAY NOV. 27 @ 9AM

You're invited to help us "hang the greens" and decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Saturday, November 27. We'll provide the coffee, donuts and decorations. Help us get into the spirit of the season by festooning the church together. We look forward to seeing you there.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR JESUS – SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Join us after worship on Sunday December 19 as we celebrate Jesus' birthday together! Bring your favorite cookies or dessert to share. We'll have an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, so be sure to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to church that morning. We look forward to celebrating with you and seeing what sweaters you have!

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX COLLECTION – NOVEMBER

November is dried goods month- canned meat and cereal. If you would like to contribute to the Community Christmas Cheer Boxes, there will be a bin by the front door for your contribution.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 as we explore God's Word together and are encouraged in our walk with the Lord. We're looking forward to seeing you then!

### PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY @ 10:30 AM

Join us in person or online for a midweek bible study with Pastor David! We are currently working through the Book of Hebrews, with a focus on learning to study the Bible ourselves and apply it to our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

### ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In James 5:13-14 we read, "*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.*" Each Sunday, two elders will be available in the New Song room following worship for anyone who needs or would like prayer.

**ANTHEM** "A Tiny Child Will Come" Don Besig

**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**

**\*Response – O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 42:1-4

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Matthew 25:31-46

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:** *"It's Not Fair!"*

**SERIES: O COME, EMMANUEL**

*"... a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice." – Isaiah 42:3*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #486** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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*Pastor, David Garrison*

**ELDERS**

Ron Reyburn,  
John Lange, George Brine,  
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn,  
Michael Babcock,  
Maggie Brockman

Bob Mills, *Director of Music*  
Liz Boothe, *Organist*  
Sharon Bryant, *Sunday School*  
*Superintendent*  
Vonnie Rucker, *Treasurer*

<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

**SERMON NOTES, November 14**

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

- <sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

Isaiah 42:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

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