

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

**Liturgist:** Sharon Bryant

**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 #77**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

#### GUIDED PRAYER

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - Westminster Confession 25.1-2

**We believe that the catholic or universal church is invisible and consists of all the elect who have been, are, or ever will be gathered into one under Christ, the head. The church is his body and spouse, the fullness of God, who fills all in all. The visible church is also catholic or universal under the gospel. It consists of everyone in the world who professes the true religion together with their children. The visible church is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and the house and family of God, outside of which people cannot ordinarily be saved. 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](http://www.npcmh.com), and on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/npcmh](http://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 22 – SEPT 5

#### Today:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

#### Mon Aug 23:

**7 pm** – Christian Education meeting

#### Tues Aug 24:

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

#### Wed Aug 25:

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

**6 pm** – Missions, Outreach & Evangelism meeting

**7 pm** – Choir practice

#### Sun August 29:

**9:45 am** – Ministry Fair & Rally Day

**11 am** – Worship

Helping Hands offering

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#### Wed Sept 1:

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**11 am** – Worship

## 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.

### 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. It has been a long time, and 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. As 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." It's easier to see this in some passages than others, but together we'll be encouraged and equipped. We look forward to seeing you there!

### HELPING HANDS OFFERING – SUNDAY AUGUST 29

Each 5th Sunday, our offering collection goes to Helping Hands. Helping Hands is 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! Please specify offering in memo or note space on envelopes and online.

### 2021 MINISTRY FAIR & RALLY DAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST, 29 @ 9:45 AM

Want to know all that's going on this fall at Northminster? Plan to join us on Sunday, August 29 for the 2021 Ministry Fair & Rally Day! There are a lot of things happening in the life of our church that aren't always obvious on Sunday morning, and this is your chance to find out about them. From bible studies to mission & ministry opportunities, come see how you can plug in and get engaged at Northminster.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX COLLECTION - AUGUST

August is pancake mix and syrup month! If you would like to contribute to the Community Christmas Cheer Boxes there will be a bin by the front door for your contribution.

### 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Prelude in c# minor" by S. Rachmaninoff  
Alex Holden, piano

**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**

**\*Offertory Response – We give thee but thine own**

**What-e're the gift may be:**

**All that we have is thine alone,**

**A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE** 2 Timothy 2:14-26

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** **"Practice Makes (Less Im)Perfect"**

**SERIES: Training in Righteousness**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #532** Be Thou My Vision

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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*Pastor, David Garrison*

**ELDERS**

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

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

**SERMON NOTES, August 22**

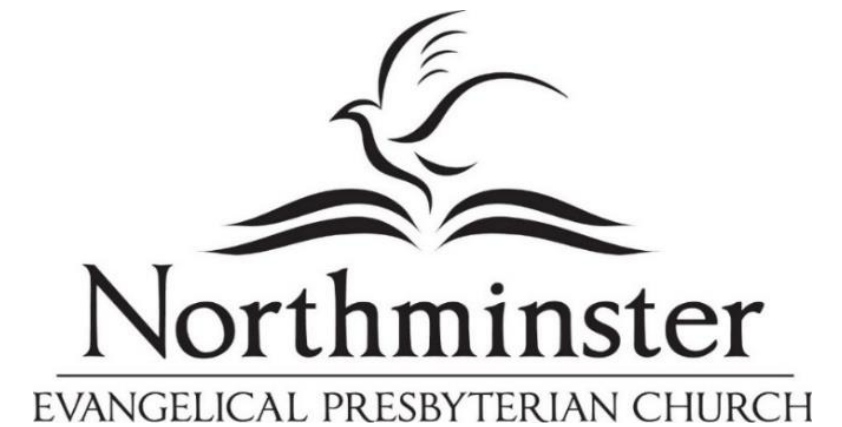
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community and world.*

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, and charge them before God[*a*] not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved[*b*] a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup> who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

<sup>20</sup> Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable[*c*] he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

<sup>22</sup> So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant[*d*] must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:14-26 (ESV)