

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Caitlin Vera

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 28:1-2, 7

Leader: To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: Lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Leader: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

People: When I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

People: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

*OPENING HYMN #115

Fairest Lord Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #733

We've A Story To Tell the Nations

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Most Gracious God: We know you are always with us, and yet at times we feel like we're completely on our own. We know you hear and answer our prayers, and yet there are situations in which we'd rather rely on our own strength and sense of direction. We know you want to teach us, and yet we often fail to pay attention to your instruction. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Continue to help us as we seek to know you better and love you more. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is

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, and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/npcmh

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 4

Today:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am- Worship

Tues July 5:

12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Next Sun July 11:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am - Worship

Susan May will join with mission update

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

After more than a year away, our Sunday morning Adult Sunday school class resumed on Sunday, May 23! 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!

PARKING LOT PAVING

On behalf of the Session & Property Committee, we wanted to let you know that beginning next Thursday, July 1, the front driveway and parking lot will be repaved. For approximately two weeks beginning on the 1st, the front lot, driveway and doors will be inaccessible for the duration of the project. However, you will still be able to get in through the back driveway and parking lot, and the library and back doors. The front lot will reopen as soon as it has been painted and striped.

This project has been made possible thanks to the generous bequest given to the church by the John & Dick Collins Estate. We look forward to sharing with you in the future the other ways this bequest is enabling us to further the witness of the Gospel and expand the Kingdom of God.

Please note that this is a tentative schedule depending on possible weather delays and whatnot.

SUSAN MAY MISSION UPDATE

Next Sunday, July 11, Susan May will join us to give an update on the Burundi Hope Project

SON TREASURE ISLAND ADVENTURE WEEKEND POSTPONED

After discussions with our travel agent, we have learned that SonTreasure Island was hit harder by COVID than they initially realized. As a result, we have decided to postpone our trip to SonTreasure Island until Summer 2022. Keep your eyes and ears open for the new dates, and 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.

worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Sharon Bryant

ANTHEM "Out of the Depths" Martin Luther & J.S.Bach

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

***Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 130:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Lost Art of Paying Attention"

SERIES: MAKING CONNECTIONS: COMPASSION, EDUCATION, ATTENTION, AND PRAYER

"My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning"
Psalm 130:6

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution

Partaking of the Communion Elements

Closing

***CLOSING HYMN #710** We Are Called to Be God's People

***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*
Vonnice Rucker, *Treasurer*

SERMON NOTES, July 4

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Attention (n): a state in which cognitive resources are focused on certain aspects of the environment rather than on others and the central nervous system is in a state of readiness to respond to stimuli. (American Psychological Association)



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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:1-8 (ESV)