

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday in Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist, John Lange
Leader: This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.
People: Hallelujah!
Leader: This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.
People: Hallelujah!
Leader: This is the good news— once we were no people; now we are God's people.
People: Hallelujah!
Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
People: Hallelujah!

***OPENING HYMN #72** To God Be The Glory

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #613** Come, Ye Disconsolate

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Ecclesiastes 7:2–5**
We believe that it is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of fools. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

ANTHEM "We Are the Body of Christ" Bruce Greer

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 OF MAY 16- 23

Today:
11 am – Worship.
After Worship - Children's Ministry Lunch
6:30– Youth Group

Tues May 18:
12 pm- Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wed May 19:
10:30 am Pastor's Midweek Bible Study
7- 8 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sun May 23:
11 am - Worship
12:30 pm - Pentecost Picnic Celebration
6:30 pm – Youth Group

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.

June Newsletter Deadline
The deadline for material to be submitted for the June newsletter is Sunday May 23. Please make sure to email or drop off any content to the church office before then. Thank you!

Children's Ministry Lunch Today
Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning to hear what God has been doing in our Children's Ministry and where we see Him leading us into the future. Lunch is provided. All who would like to learn more and join us in ministering to the children of our church are welcome to come.

Pentecost Picnic Celebration, Next Sunday, May 23
Next Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the Church in worship and with a picnic lunch on the front lawn after the service. This will be a great time of renewing relationships through worship, food, games and fellowship. Bring a picnic lunch and a drink. We'll have chairs, but you're welcome to bring your own. And, of course, don't forget to wear red! Please RSVP for the picnic lunch to the church office by Wednesday, May 19.

Adult Sunday School Resumes May 23
After more than a year away, our Sunday morning Adult Sunday school class is resuming next 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's been a long time, and we're looking forward to seeing you then!

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am
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!

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.

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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Teach Them How to Say Goodbye”
SERIES: ARS MORIENDI: THE ART OF DYING WELL
“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. — 1 Thessalonians 4:13

*CLOSING HYMN #519 It Is Well With My Soul

*BENEDICTION

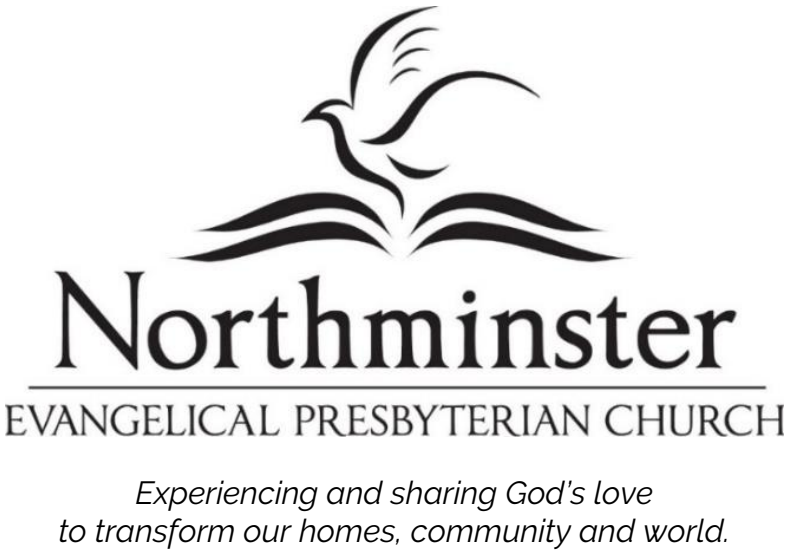
*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS	Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn,	Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, George Brine,	Bridgett Capparuccia, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Caitlin Vera,	Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Michael Babcock,	Sandy Stafford, Secretary
Maggie Brockman, Judy Reyburn	Vonnie Rucker, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, May 16

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¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,[a] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV