

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 19, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** Sharon Bryant

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple,  
in the highest heavens!

**People: Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds  
and noble majesty.**

Leader: All that is alive, praise!

**People: Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #669

God of Grace and God of Glory

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*PRAISE SONG

As It Is in Heaven

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - Ephesians 4:1-13

**We believe that it was Jesus Christ who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

"Joy Every Day"

Nancy Banfield

## 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 SEPT 19 – OCT 3

#### Today:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

**6:30 pm** – Sunday Night Live

#### Tues Sept 21:

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

#### Wed Sept 22:

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

**7 pm** – Choir practice

#### Thurs Sept 23:

**10 am** – Women's Book Club

#### Sun Sept 26:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

**6:30 pm** – Sunday Night Live

#### Tues Sept 28:

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

#### Wed Sept 29:

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

**7 pm** – Choir practice

#### Sunday Oct 3:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

**5 pm** – Church Picnic

**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.

### 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!

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE KICKOFF – SUNDAY, SEPT 19, 6:30PM

Mark your calendars and plan to join us tonight, Sunday, September 19 at 6:30pm for the kickoff of Sunday Night Live! This is a brand new opportunity to teach our children and youth about the fulness of life offered by Jesus Christ and how to live as disciples of Christ. With age-appropriate and focused lessons and games, we're really excited to see how Sunday Night Live encourages our children and youth in their walk with the Lord and their families as well. Want to know more? Plan to join us tonight

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY @ 10 AM

We will meet next on September 23 at the Bryants' place in Monacan Park. We will be reading and discussing A Little Slice of Heaven by Angela Woodruff Scott. "On an out-of-the-way corner of a Virginia country road, four generations of the indomitable Woodruff family struggled and overcame impossible odds to create Woodruff's Cafe & Pie Shop, home of what Southern Living magazine called 'the best apple pie ever (yes, really ever).'"

### CHURCH PICNIC – FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us for a Fall time picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments will be provided. Please do bring your favorite sides or desserts. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the Tatman room, so we know how much food to prepare.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER

September is canned fruit and pasta sauce 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.

**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**

Ephesians 3:1-9

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

**SERMON**

**“On Behalf of the King”**

**SERIES: Stewards of the King**

*Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you. — Ephesians 3:2*

\***CLOSING HYMN #584**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

\***Please Stand**

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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, September 19**

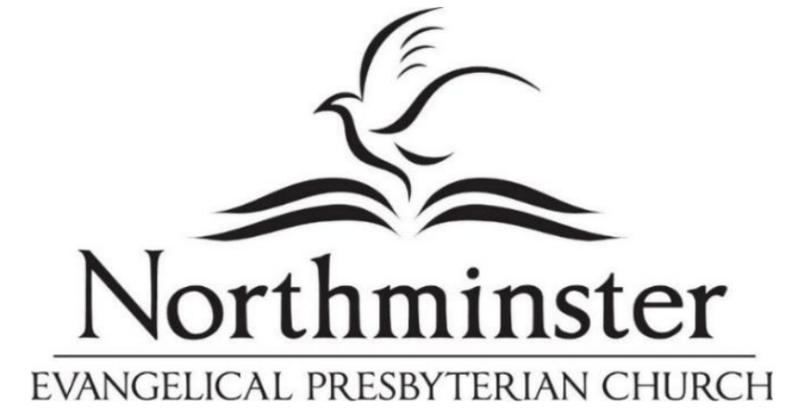
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community and world.*

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Ephesians 3:1-9 (NIV)