

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 26, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Michael Babcock

CALL TO WORSHIP- Exodus 20:1-2

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

**People: "I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery."**

Leader: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God and who still brings us
out of the places of our bondage.

***OPENING HYMN #21** How Great Thou Art

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG** Blessed be Your Name

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Larger Catechism Q.90**

Leader: What will happen to the righteous on the judgment day?

People: On the judgment day, the righteous will be caught up with Christ in the clouds and placed on his right, where they will be publicly acknowledged and acquitted. They will join Christ in the judgment of reprobate angels and men and be received into heaven. There they will be completely and forever freed from all sin and misery, filled with unimaginable joy, and made perfectly holy and happy in body and soul, in the vast company of each other and the holy angels; they will be particularly blessed in the visual presence and enjoyment of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, forever. Such is the perfect and complete fellowship the members of the invisible church will enjoy with Christ in glory at the resurrection and judgment day. Amen.

ANTHEM "Make Music for the Lord" Natalie Sleeth

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 SEPT 26 – OCT 10
Today:

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

Sun Oct 3:
9:45 am – Adult Sunday School
11 am – Worship
5 pm – Church picnic
6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live

Tues Oct 5:
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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 – SUNDAY NIGHT @ 6:30PM

Mark your calendars and plan to join us tonight, Sunday, September 26th at 6:30pm for 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

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!

CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY OCT 3 @ 5 PM

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 signup 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 Matthew 25:14-30
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Investing the King’s Resources”
SERIES: Stewards of the King
The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. — Matthew 25:16

*CLOSING HYMN #568 Take My Life and Let It Be

*BENEDICTION

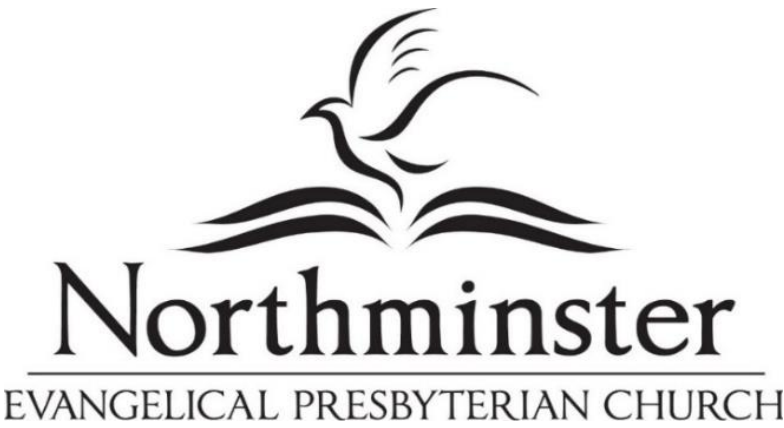
*POSTLUDE

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

SERMON NOTES, September 26

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to transform our homes, community and world.

¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[*a*] and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'