

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP - based on Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Leader: Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you.

*OPENING HYMN #45 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

Indescribable

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry.

{A time for silent confession and prayer}

We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession 13.2-3

We believe that sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to assert its authority over the flesh. Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Bread of Life, Cup of Joy" A. Tice/L. Dengler

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 5 – SEPT 19

Today:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship – Helping Hands Offering

Tues Sept. 7:

12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

6 pm – Fellowship meeting

Wed Sept 8:

10:30 am - Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

7 pm – Choir practice

Thurs Sept 9:

6:30 pm – Session meeting

Sun Sept 12:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live Kickoff

Tues Sept 14:

12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wed Sept 15:

10:30 am - Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

7 pm – Choir practice

Thurs Sept 16:

8:30 am – Volunteer at Gleaning

Sun Sept 19:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Community Celebration at MHBC

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 12, 6:30PM

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, September 12 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 September 12!

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!

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 P.M.

Join our neighbor churches at Madison Heights Baptist Church in a night of worship. An offering for our Christmas Cheer Baskets will be taken during this event.

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

*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 4

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

SERMON

“Finish Strong”

SERIES: Training in Righteousness

*“I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.” — 2 Timothy 4:7*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution

Partaking of the Communion Elements

Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #586

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

****Please Stand***

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ELDERS

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Michael Babcock,
Maggie Brockman

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SERMON NOTES, September 5

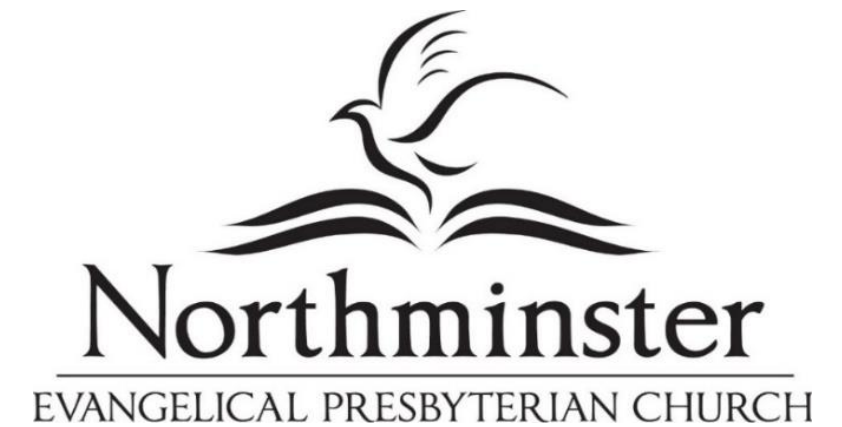
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you