

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday in Epiphany

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist, Maggie Brockman

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

based on 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 52:10

Leader: The mystery from which true godliness springs  
is great—come and see! Jesus Christ appeared  
in the flesh,

**People: was vindicated by the Spirit,**

Leader: was seen by angels,

**People: was preached among the nations,**

Leader: was believed on in the world,

**People: was taken up in glory.**

Leader: May all the ends of the earth see the salvation  
of our God.

#### \*OPENING HYMN #78

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*PRAISE SONG

Jesus, I Come

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Essentials of the Faith 6

**We believe that Jesus Christ will come again to the  
earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living  
and the dead, and to consummate history and  
the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."  
Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

"Coming Again" Arr. John W. Peterson

#### 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.

## 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 COMING WEEK

#### Today:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages

**11 am** – Worship

**6:30-7:45 pm** – Sunday Night Live

#### Tues Feb 22:

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

#### Wed Feb 23:

**10:30 am** – Pastor's Bible Study

**2:30 pm** – Worship Committee Meeting

**7 pm** – Choir Practice

#### Next Sun Feb 27:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages

**11 am** – Worship

**6:30-7:45 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. We  
are currently studying 1 Peter. We're looking forward to seeing  
you then!

#### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – SUNDAYS @ 6:30 pm

All students in grades 4-12 are invited to join us at 6:30 pm on  
Sundays at the church as we work through the series "The One."  
Where did the idea of "finding the one" come from in the first  
place? What if dating in high school was less about finding "the  
one" and more about becoming "the one"? Whether you're dating  
or not, we hope you'll join us as we talk about changing our  
perspective and seeing who God wants **us** to be. See you there!

#### PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS @ 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.

#### 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.

#### LENTEN SERVICES – WEDNESDAYS @ NOON

Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of  
the Lenten season. We are once again partnering with our  
friends at local churches to hold a series of Lenten worship  
services. Each Wednesday at noon, you're invited to join us for a  
30-minute worship service (we will not be serving lunch at any of  
the churches this year) to help us focus on and celebrate what  
God has done and is doing as we prepare for Holy Week and  
Easter. Each week a different church will host the services. We  
look forward to seeing you there! The first Lenten service will be  
held at Amelon UMC as we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

**WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

**\*Response – “My Tribute”**

To God be the glory,  
to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me,  
with his power he has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

2 Peter 3:1-13

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:**

**“The Comeback”**

**SERIES: ESSENTIALS**

*The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,  
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,  
but that all should reach repentance. — 2 Peter 3:9*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #558**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Please Stand**

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**Pastor, David Garrison**

**ELDERS**

Ron Reyburn,  
John Lange, Liz Boothe  
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn  
Maggie Brockman

**Bob Mills, Director of Music**  
**Liz Boothe, Organist**  
**Sharon Bryant, Sunday School**  
**Superintendent**  
**Vonnie Rucker, Treasurer**

**SERMON NOTES, Feb 20**

**SCRIPTURE:**

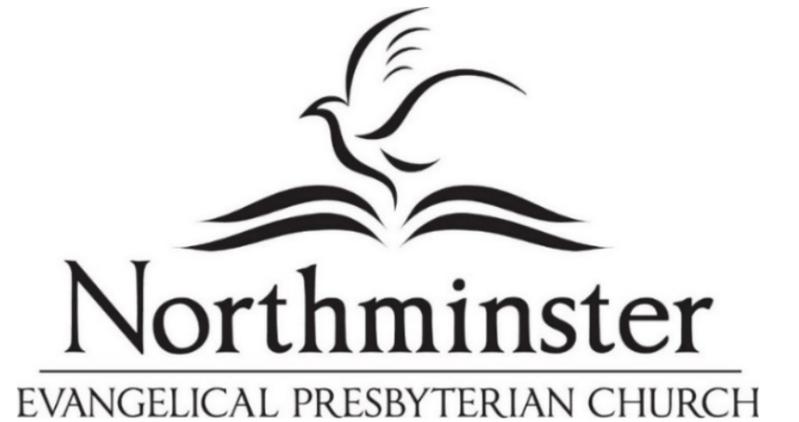
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community and world.*

**3** This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, **2** that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, **3** knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. **4** They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." **5** For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, **6** and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. **7** But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

**8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

**11** Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, **12** waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **13** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

~ 2 Peter 3:1-13 (ESV)