

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent

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 COMING WEEK

Today:

9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Worship

6:30-7:45 pm – Sunday Night Live

Mon March 7:

1:00 pm – Finance & Personnel Meeting

Tues March 8:

12 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wed March 9:

10:00 am – Pastor's Bible Study

12:00 pm – Community Lenten Worship Service
at Madison Heights Baptist Church

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thurs March 10:

10:00 am – Women's Book Club

6:30 pm – Session Meeting

Next Sun March 13:

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11:00 am – Worship

6:00 pm – Fun in the Sun Info Meeting

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.

LENTEN SERVICES – WEDNESDAYS @ NOON

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. This week it will be held at Madison Heights Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY, MARCH 10 @ 10 am

The Women's Book Club is meeting Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m. at the home of Liz Boothe. They are reading The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell, by Robert Dugoni. (His name is Samuel Hill, but you will quickly understand the title.) Ladies, you don't want to miss the discussion of this thought-provoking novel about the effects of bullying, friendships, and the devout faith of a mother who knew her son would live an "extraordinary" life, the life God had planned for him. Please let Liz know if you plan to attend.

FUN IN THE SUN INFO MEETING – SUNDAY, MARCH 13 @ 6 pm

This summer our youth group is planning to go to Fun in the Sun for a week-long camp experience near Hilton Head. Your youth will be challenged in their walk with God, as well as have the opportunity to make new friends and hear some great speakers. If you are interested in learning more, please attend our half-hour informational meeting next Sunday right before youth group.

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 @ 10:00 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP - based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Leader: Let us worship God who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

All: Alleluia! We rejoice!

***OPENING HYMN #72**

To God Be the Glory

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG**

In Christ Alone

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – Westminster Confession of Faith 6.1-3

We believe that our first parents were led astray by the cunning temptation of Satan and sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. It pleased God to allow them to sin, because in his wisdom and holiness he planned to order their sin to his own glory. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and fellowship with God, and so became dead in sin and completely polluted in all their faculties and parts of body and soul. Since Adam and Eve are the root of all mankind, the guilt for their sin has been imputed to all human beings, who are their

natural descendants and have inherited the same death in sin and the same corrupt nature. Amen.

ANTHEM “God So Loved the World” Arr. John Stainer

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 3:21-31
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: “*Twisted Inside*”
SERIES: TWISTED
... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus. — Romans 3:23-24

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution
Partaking of the Communion Elements
Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #531 (text only)
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*BENEDICTION

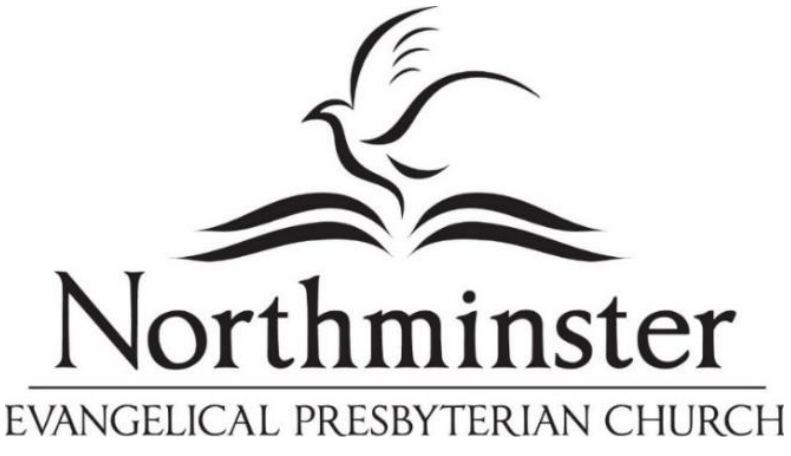
*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn, Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, Liz Boothe, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Sunday School
Maggie Brockman Superintendent
Vonnie Rucker, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, March 6

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

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Romans 3:21-31 (ESV)