

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: In our anguish we cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Leader: the stone the builders rejected has become
the capstone;

People: The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***OPENING HYMN #240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*OPENING PRAYER

***PRAISE SONG** Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —** Westminster Confession of Faith 18.4

We believe that the assurance true believers have of their salvation may be shaken, lessened, or interrupted for various reasons: from neglecting to preserve it; from committing some particular sin, which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit; from some sudden or strong temptation; or from God’s withdrawing the sense of his presence and allowing them to walk in darkness. Nevertheless, they are never completely without God’s seed, the life of faith, the love of Christ and of other

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, April 24:

9:45 am – Inquirer’s Class

9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Worship

6:30-7:45 pm – Sunday Night Live

Tues April 26:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wed April 27:

10:30 pm – Pastor’s Midweek Bible Study

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, May 1:

9:45 am – Inquirer’s Class

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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.

INQUIRERS CLASS – SUNDAYS, APRIL 24-MAY 15 @ 9:45 am

Would you like to know more about our church? Are you interested in the possibility of becoming a member? Then this 4-week class is for you. Taught by Pastor David, it will give you the opportunity to hear about our church, the denomination we belong to, and where we see God leading us.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – SUNDAYS @ 6:30 pm

Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to attend Sunday Night Live. We are continuing our new study, “What is the Gospel?” The word “Gospel” means “good news,” but hearing something is good and knowing why it’s good are two very different things. As we take a closer look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we’ll find that the Good News of Easter may be bigger, bolder, and better than we ever imagined. We hope to see you here!

HUNDRED MILE YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 7

Do you want to help our youth and get rid of used items at the same time? Rent a parking space (or more) in front of the church. Sell a little or a lot and keep your profits. (Donations for the bake sale are welcome.) The minimum cost is \$5 for one parking space. Registration forms are available on the table outside the sanctuary doors. You can put your registration tear-off in the basket or in the offering plate.

Questions: Call Marge Mills, 434-525-0436 and leave a message, or e-mail margemills1980@gmail.com.

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.

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. Bob Mills will be leading a five-week series beginning today.

believers, and the sincere heart and obedient conscience, out of which the Spirit may revive this assurance in due time and by which they are in the meantime kept from complete despair. Amen.

ANTHEM Sing a New Song to the Lord
by Natalie Sleeth

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 — Hymn #813
For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer Lord our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: II Corinthians 12:7-10

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

SERMON: "Left With Nothing"
SERIES: RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION
But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." — II Corinthians 12:9

*CLOSING Hymn #497 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

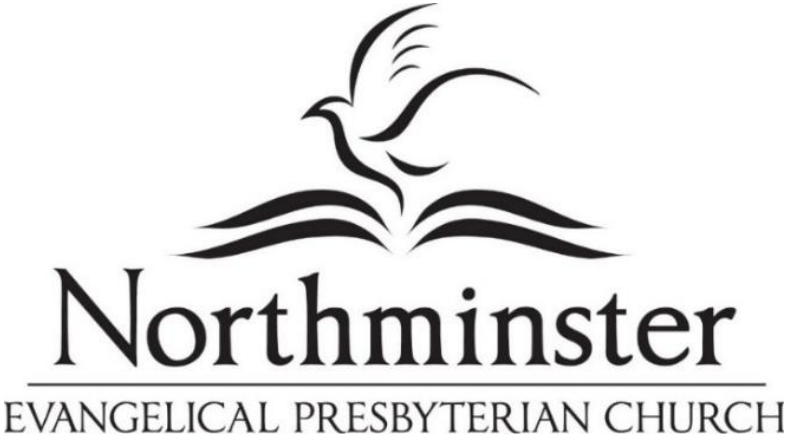
SERMON NOTES, April 24

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Maggie Brockman, Liz Boothe Superintendent



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

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:1-5 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

II Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)