

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Liturgist, Judy Reyburn

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Leader: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

**People: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #45

Come, Thou Fount

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*PRAISE SONG

Jesus, I Come

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;

new love where we have turned hard-hearted;

forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have

wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit

where we are prisoners of ourselves.

*[A time of silent confession]*

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends,

where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and

grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostle's Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of**

**heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son**

**our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy**

**Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He**

**descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand**

**of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and**

**the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic**

**Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Today, May 1:

**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

### Tuesday, May 3:

**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

### Wednesday, May 4:

**10:30 pm** – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

**6:00 pm** – Missions, Outreach, and Evangelism Meeting

**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

### Saturday, May 7:

**6:30 am** – Hundred Mile Yard Sale

### Next Sunday, May 8:

**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

# 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, TODAY-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](mailto: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 is leading a five-week series.

ANTHEM Jesus Paid It All  
by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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 1:6-18  
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Galatians 3:23-29  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Loyal to the End”  
SERIES: RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION  
And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring,  
heirs according to promise. — Galatians 3:29

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

\*CLOSING Hymn #213 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

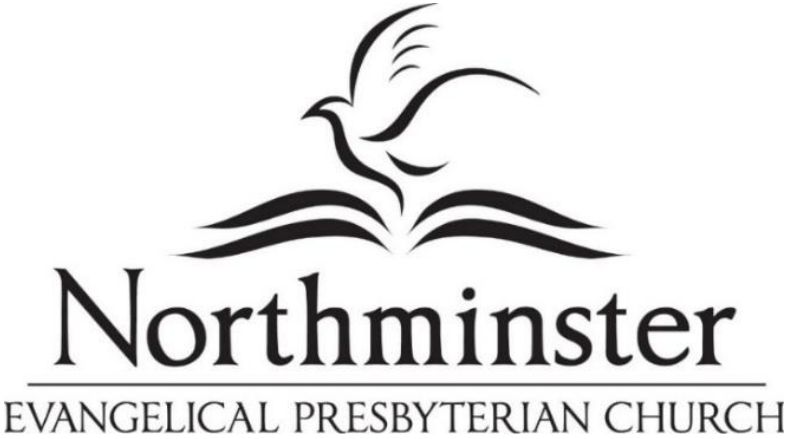
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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison  
Ron Reyburn, Bob Mills, Director of Music  
John Lange, George Brine, Liz Boothe, Organist  
Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins, Sharon Bryant, Sunday School  
Maggie Brockman, Liz Boothe Superintendent

SERMON NOTES, April 24

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

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.<sup>15</sup> And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Ruth 1:6-18 (ESV)