

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, Ron Reyburn

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

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**\*OPENING HYMN #99** When Morning Gilds the Skies

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PRAISE SONG** As It Is In Heaven

**GUIDED PRAYER**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — II Corinthians 5:17-21  
**We believe if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. AMEN.**

**ANTHEM** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Arranged by Victor C. Johnson

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 15:**  
**9:45 am** – Inquirer's Class  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
**12:15 pm** – Potluck Lunch With Angie Woodruff  
**6:30-7:45 pm** – Sunday Night Live

**Tues May 17:**  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution  
**5:00 pm** – Blaze Pizza Night

**Wed May 18:**  
**10:30 pm** – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study  
**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

**Thurs May 19:**  
**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World Carpooling

**Sat May 21:**  
**6:00 pm** – New Member Dinner

**Next Sunday, May 22:**  
**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.

**BLAZE PIZZA NIGHT – TUESDAY, MAY 17 FROM 5:00-9:00 pm**  
If you like pizza, then we invite you to join us for a pie or two at Blaze Pizza on Ward's Road to help raise money to send our youth to summer camp. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of the proceed from your meal to our church for the youth. All you need to do is present the flier at the door or use coupon code 1178A for online orders. Fliers are available on the table outside the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – SUNDAYS @ 6:30 pm**  
Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to attend Sunday Night Live. We are continuing our 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!

**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.

**GLEANING FOR THE WORLD – THURSDAY @ 8:30 am**  
Please join us in the parking lot of the church for carpooling. We will return to the church around 11:30 am.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am as we explore God's Word together and are encouraged in our walk with the Lord. Bob Mills is leading a series on education and the church.

**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 — 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 2:1-16

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

SERMON: “Breaking the Rules”  
SERIES: RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION  
But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”  
Show me your faith apart from your works,  
and I will show you my faith by my works. — James 2:18

\*CLOSING Hymn #558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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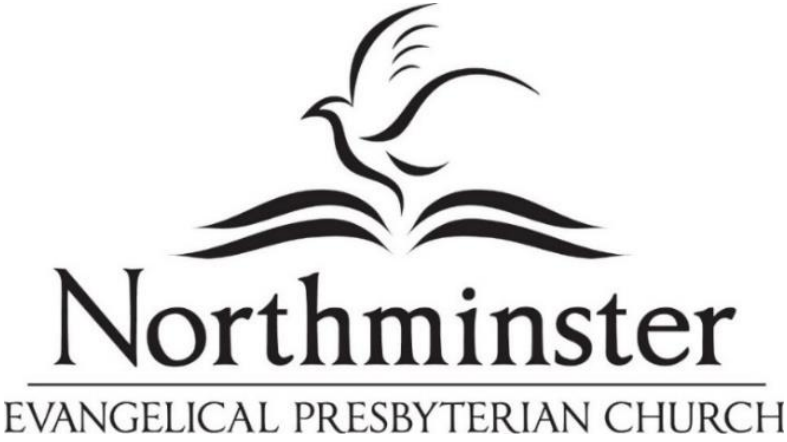
ELDERS Bob Mills, Director of Music  
Ron Reyburn, Liz Boothe, Organist  
John Lange, George Brine, Sharon Bryant, Sunday School  
Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins, Superintendent  
Maggie Brockman, Liz Boothe

<sup>14</sup> And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. <sup>15</sup> When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. <sup>16</sup> And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.” — Ruth 2:1-16 (ESV)

SERMON NOTES, May 15

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

<sup>2</sup> Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.” <sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.” <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” <sup>6</sup> And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. <sup>7</sup> She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.” <sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!” <sup>13</sup> Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.”