

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 29, 2022 Ascension of the Lord Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Liturgist, John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 47:5-8
Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
People: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
People: sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
People: sing to him a psalm of praise.
Leader: God reigns over the nations;
People: God is seated on his holy throne.

***OPENING HYMN #20** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG** Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Based on 1 Peter 3:9-10
We believe that we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. AMEN.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ANTHEM America, the Beautiful
Arranged by Richard A. Nichols

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, May 29:
Helping Hands Offering
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, May 31:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution
7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday, June 1:
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, June 5:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship

Congratulations to our high school graduate, Peter Garrison. May God continue to strengthen and direct you as you start this exciting new chapter of your life.



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.

HELPING HANDS OFFERING – TODAY
Each 5th Sunday, our offering collection goes to Helping Hands, a ministry of churches in the Madison Heights-Elon area of Amherst County to help residents in need. It is administered through Madison Heights Baptist Church. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of those in our community!

YOUTH EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER
With the end of the school year comes the end of Sunday Night Live for grades 4-12, until the fall. But that doesn't mean we won't have fun events and summer camp to look forward to this summer! Be sure to watch your bulletin for more information.

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 currently 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.

JUNE NEWSLETTER
The June Newsletter, "Highlights From the Heights," is now posted online, and hard copies are available by the door to the fellowship hall.

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 3:1-18
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: “Cold Feet”
SERIES: RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION
Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. — 1 Peter 2:12

*CLOSING Hymn #568 Take My Life and Let It Be

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

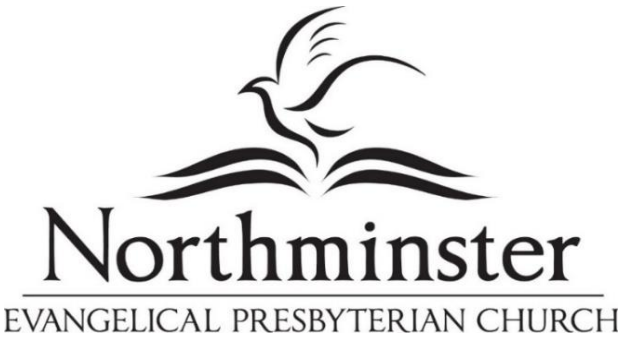
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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn, Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, Liz Boothe, Liz Boothe, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Sharon Bryant, Sunday School
Maggie Brockman Superintendent

SERMON NOTES, May 29

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

3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” 5And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

6So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. 7And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. 8At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! 9He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” 10And he said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. 12And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. 13Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

14So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” 15And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. 16And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, 17saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’” 18She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.” — Ruth 3:1-18 (ESV)