

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Liturgist, Ron Reyburn

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour. Glory be to God, who strengthens us

**People: and blesses all people with peace.**

Leader: God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

**People: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

Leader: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

**People: Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.**

\*OPENING HYMN #9 Sing Praise to the Father

### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*PRAISE SONG Jesus, I Come

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 34.4

**We believe that, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the head, are thus united one to another in the church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its**

# 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, June 5:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages

**11:00 am** – Worship

### Tuesday, June 7:

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

**7:00 pm** – Habitat for Humanity

### Wednesday, June 8:

**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

### Next Sunday, June 12:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages

**11:00 am** – Worship

# 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.

### 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.

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club will meet on **Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m.** at Sharon Bryant's place on the river to discuss the book *The Maid* by Nita Prose. When hotel maid Molly finds a very wealthy and very dead guest, the police immediately put her on their list of suspects. Molly is different from everyone else, and that makes her suspicious. But fortunately, Molly has friends and the truth on her side! All women are welcome to join us!

members. He gives efficacy to the word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God. Amen.

ANTHEM A Mighty, Rushing Wind  
Words by Billy D. Martin; music by Patti Drennan

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 4:1-12  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: **“Risky Business”**  
**SERIES: RUTH: A STORY OF REDEMPTION**  
*“And whoever does not take his cross and follow me  
is not worthy of me.” — Matthew 10:38*

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

\*CLOSING Hymn #295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

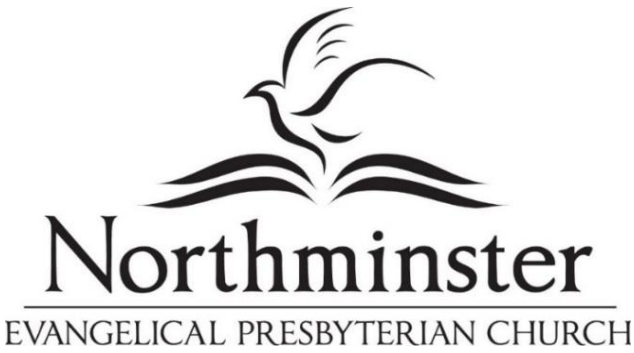
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<u>ELDERS</u> Ron Reyburn, John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn Maggie Brockman	<i>Pastor, David Garrison</i>  <b>Bob Mills, Director of Music</b> <b>Liz Boothe, Organist</b> <b>Sharon Bryant, Sunday School</b> <b>Superintendent</b> <b>Kristin Kidd, Treasurer</b>
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SERMON NOTES, June 5

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

**4** Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. **2** And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. **3** Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. **4** So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." **5** Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." **6** Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

**7** Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. **8** So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. **9** Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. **10** Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." **11** Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, **12** and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."