**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

**July 24, 2022 The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Liturgist, John Lange

**CALL TO WORSHIP** —Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;
**People: sing to the LORD, all the earth.**Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
**People: proclaim his salvation day after day.**

**\*OPENING SONG** In Christ Alone

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PRAISE SONG** Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

**GUIDED PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 3.6

**We believe that, just as God has determined that the elect shall be glorified, so, too, in the eternal and completely free purpose of his will he has foreordained all the means by which that election is accomplished. And so, those who are chosen, having fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ. They are effectually called to faith in Christ by his Spirit working in them at the right time, and they are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation. Only the elect, and no others, are redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved.  AMEN.**

**ANTHEM** He Is Exalted

Arr. by Russel Mauldin

**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 — “Doxology”**

 ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

 ***Praise Him all creatures here below;***

 ***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:***

 ***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

 **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** 1 Peter 1:1-12

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

**SERMON*: The True ‘Happily Ever After’***

**I Peter: A Message of Hope From an Old Fisherman**

*In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. — 1 Peter 1:3-4*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #502**  Amazing Grace

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

Calendar for the Coming Week

**Today, July 24:**

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

 **11:00 am –** Worship

 **12:15 pm –** Fellowship and Refreshments

**Tuesday, July 26:**

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

**Next Sunday, July 31:**

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

 **11:00 am –** Worship

 **12:15 pm –** Fellowship and Refreshments

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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.**

**FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

During the month of July, the Hospitality Committee is providing us with light snacks following the service. We invite you to join us for physical refreshments and spiritual refreshment, as we gather together and share about our lives.

**YOUTH EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER**

Summer fun isn’t over yet, even though the youth are back from Fun In The Sun camp! Be watching your newsletter and bulletin for one-day upcoming events!

**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 through the end of July. Beginning in August, Pastor David will be sharing about his trip to Israel during the Sunday school hour.

**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.



*Experiencing and sharing God’s love*

*to transform our homes, community and world.*

**1**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2**according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

**3**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5**who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8**Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9**obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**10**Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, **11**inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. **12**It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

 — 1 Peter 1:1-12 (ESV)

**SERMON NOTES, July 24**

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