

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 4, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Leader: Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

People: The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

***OPENING HYMN #743** Christ for the World We Sing

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #705** Built on the Rock

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: We're grateful you've revealed yourself to us in your Word – Incarnate, Written, and Proclaimed. We ask your forgiveness for the times we've twisted your words in ways that have misled others. We ask forgiveness for the times we've used words in ways that hurt other members of the body of Christ. And we repent of those times when we've kept your words to ourselves instead of sharing them with those around us. For these and other sins, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Help us always to use words in ways that bring glory to your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —** The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

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, September 4:

9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, September 6:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, September 7:

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, September 8:

1:30 pm – Monthly Session Meeting

Next Sunday, September 11:

9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Worship

12:00 pm – Congregational Meeting

6:30 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.

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. Next week Pastor David will be sharing about all that God taught him on his trip to Israel

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Following worship next week there will be a brief meeting of the congregation for electing the members of the nominating committee. The meeting will begin after the postlude.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 6:30 pm

Next week, September 11, Sunday Night Live returns for youth in grades 4-12. Don't miss the fun as we begin a new series about science and faith, called "I Wonder."

BINGO GAME NIGHT – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 7 pm

We hope you'll mark your calendars and join us at the church for BINGO!

CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS 1st & 3rd MONDAYS Beginning Sept. 19

You are invited to join Pastor David and the session as they go through the book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. Our world is changing at an ever-accelerating pace, and it often feels like the Church is doing ministry that no longer reaches the felt needs of people. As we look out on this strange, new world, how can God change our perspective and goals so that we effectively share the Gospel with those who don't know how desperately they need Him? We will be meeting the first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm, beginning September 19.

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.

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy, catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come Share the Lord"
Words and music by Bryan Jeffery Leech; arr. by Roland Tabell

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: I Cor. 1:10-18
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: *The Power of Words and the Word*
*“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” — I Cor. 1:18*

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

*CLOSING HYMN #689 The Church's One Foundation

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

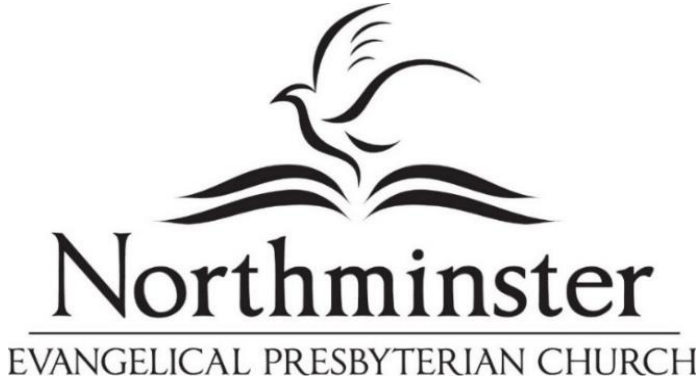
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ELDERS	Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn,	Bob Mills, <i>Director of Music</i>
John Lange, Liz Boothe	Liz Boothe, <i>Organist</i>
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn	Sharon Bryant, <i>Sunday School</i>
Maggie Brockman	<i>Superintendent</i>
	Kristin Kidd, 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

SERMON NOTES, September 4

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

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (ESV)