

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 11, 2022      Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist, Maggie Brockman

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

**Leader:** You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

**Leader:** You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

#### \*OPENING SONG

How Great Is Our God

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*PRAISE SONG

As It Is In Heaven

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 20.1  
**We believe that Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel freedom from the guilt of sin, from the condemning wrath of God, and from the curse of the moral law. He has also freed them from the evil world we live in, from enslavement to Satan, from the dominion of sin, the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and from everlasting damnation. In Christ believers have free access to God and can obey him, not out of slavish fear, but with a childlike love and a willing mind. All these freedoms were also held by believers under the law. However, under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians has been enlarged to include freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected. Christians also have greater boldness of access to the throne of grace and a fuller gift of the Spirit of God than believers ordinarily had under the law. AMEN.**

## 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, September 11:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
**12:00 pm** – Congregational Meeting  
**6:30 pm** – Youth Group (@ The Garrisons)

#### Monday, September 12:

**1:00 pm** – Fellowship Committee Meeting  
**7:00 pm** – Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 13:

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

#### Wednesday, September 14:

**12:00 pm** – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)  
**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

#### Thursday, September 15:

**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World

#### Friday, September 16:

**7:00 pm** – Bingo Game Night

#### Next Sunday, September 18:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
**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. Pastor David will be sharing about all that God taught him on his trip to Israel

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

#### YOUTH GROUP RETURNS – TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 6:30 pm

Youth Group returns for youth in grades 6-12. Don't miss the fun as we begin a new series about science and faith, called "I Wonder." Join us at the Garrisons for a cookout!

#### 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.

#### BINGO GAME NIGHT – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 7 pm

We hope you'll join us at the church for BINGO this Friday night! Laugh, win, and enjoy some fun-filled fellowship!

#### CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 much they need Him? We will be meeting the first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm, beginning September 19. Scan the code with your phone to sign up! Read Chapter 1 for our first session.



#### 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.

**ANTHEM**

"In Christ Alone"  
arr. by Craig Courtney

**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 3:1-12

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:**

***The Way of Jesus***

**I PETER: A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM AN OLD FISHERMAN**

*Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling,  
but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called,  
that you may obtain a blessing. — 1 Peter 3:9*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #579**

I Surrender All

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

***\*Please Stand***

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**ELDERS**  
Ron Reyburn,  
John Lange, Liz Boothe  
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn  
Maggie Brockman

**Bob Mills, Director of Music**  
**Liz Boothe, Organist**  
**Sharon Bryant, Sunday School**  
**Superintendent**  
**Kristin Kidd, Treasurer**

**SERMON NOTES, September 11**

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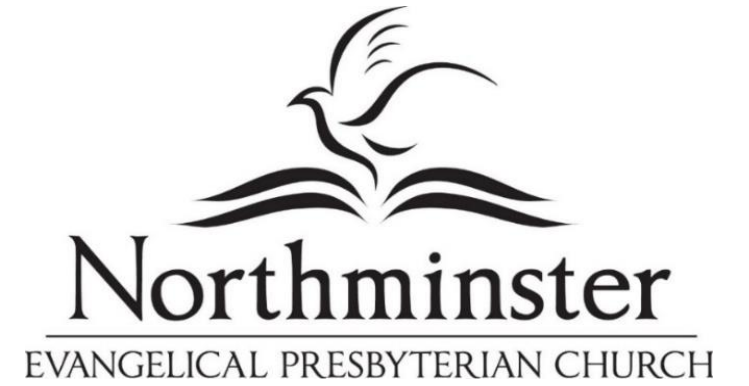
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community, and world.*

**3** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, **2** when they see your respectful and pure conduct. **3** Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— **4** but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. **5** For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

**7** Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**8** Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. **9** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. **10** For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;

**11** let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.

**12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

~ 1 Peter 3:1-12 (ESV)