

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 18, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, Judy Reyburn

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."

People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

People: We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

***OPENING HYMN #130** O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

*OPENING PRAYER

***PRAISE SONG** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Confession of Faith 18.4

We believe that the assurance true believers have of their salvation may be shaken, lessened, or interrupted for various reasons: from neglecting to preserve it; from committing some particular sin, which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit; from some sudden or strong temptation; or from God's withdrawing the sense of his presence and allowing them to walk in darkness. Nevertheless, they are never completely without God's seed, the life of faith, the love of Christ and of other believers, and the sincere heart and obedient conscience, out of which the Spirit may revive this assurance in due time and by which they are in the meantime kept from complete despair. AMEN.

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River
arr. by Joel Raney

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 18:

9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live

Monday, September 19:

6:30 pm – Canoeing the Mountains

Tuesday, September 20:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, September 21:

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, September 22:

10:00 am – Women's Book Club

Next Sunday, September 25:

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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER – WEDNESDAYS @ noon

Please join us on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer in the sanctuary as we bring our needs before our loving God.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – TODAY @ 6:30 pm

Youth Group has returned for youth in grades 6-12. Don't miss our new series about science and faith, called "I Wonder."

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY @ 8:30 am

Women of all ages are welcome to join the book club! This month we will be reading *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brandon Slocum.

CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 @ 5 pm

Our annual church picnic returns on Sunday, October 2. We hope you'll join us for an evening of food and fellowship.

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 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.

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 3:13-4:6

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED

I PETER: A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM AN OLD FISHERMAN

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. — 1 Peter 4:1

***CLOSING HYMN #519**

It Is Well With My Soul

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

****Please Stand***

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ELDERS

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Liz Boothe, Organist

Sharon Bryant, Sunday School

Superintendent

Kristin Kidd, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, September 18

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

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

⁴ Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does. ~ 1 Peter 3:13-4:6 (ESV)