

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 25, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

***OPENING SONG** Come Ye Sinners

*OPENING PRAYER

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

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 33.3

We believe that Christ wants us to be completely convinced that there is going to be a day of judgment, as a deterrent to sin for everyone and as an added consolation for the godly in their suffering. He has also made sure that no one knows when that day will be, so that we may never rest secure in our worldly surroundings, but, not knowing what hour the Lord will come, we must always be alert and may always be ready to say, “Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.” Amen.

ANTHEM Awaken Me to Pray
Words by John Parker; Music by David Lantz III

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.

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 25:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live

Tuesday, September 27:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, September 28:
12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, October 2:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship
5:00 pm – Church Picnic

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."

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. Please be sure to sign up!

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. Read chapters 2 & 3 for our next meeting on Monday, October 3.

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.

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 4:7-19

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING

I PETER: A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM AN OLD FISHERMAN

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled

and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. — 1 Peter 4:7

*CLOSING HYMN #674

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

*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 25

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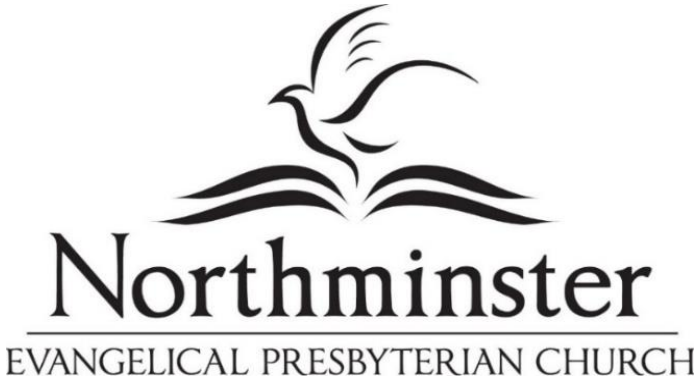
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community, and world.*

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the house-hold of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.