

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

October 2, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Liturgist, Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 124:8
Leader: “Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.”
People: What did God do to help us?
Leader: God chose the people of Israel to make a
 new beginning.
**People: They received God's covenant and prepared the
 way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**
Leader: Let us worship the God of the covenant,
 the God of heaven and earth.

*OPENING HYMN #473 And Can It Be

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your
name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through
what we have done and what we have left undone. As we
remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized
in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that
you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace
to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name
we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Confession of Faith 1.1
**We believe that our natural understanding and the
works of creation and providence so clearly show
God's goodness, wisdom, and power that human beings
have no excuse for not believing in him. However, these
means alone cannot provide that knowledge of God and
of his will which is necessary for salvation. Therefore it
pleased the Lord at different times and in various ways to
reveal himself and to declare that this revelation contains
his will for his church. Afterwards it pleased God to put**

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, October 2:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live

Monday, October 3:
6:30 pm – Canoeing the Mountains

Tuesday, October 4:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, October 5:
12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm – Nominating Committee
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, October 9:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship

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.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC – RESCHEDULED for OCTOBER 16 @ 5 pm
Our annual church picnic has been rescheduled for October 16. We hope you'll join us for food and fellowship. Please bring a side to share. Meat and dessert will be provided!

CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS 1st & 3rd MONDAYS
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.

this entire revelation into writing so that the truth might be better preserved and transmitted and that the church, confronted with the corruption of the flesh and the evil purposes of Satan and the world, might be more securely established and comforted. Since God no longer reveals himself to his people in those earlier ways, Holy Scripture is absolutely essential. Amen.

ANTHEM
Come Share the Lord
by Bryan Jeffery Leech

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 5:1-14
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: KEEP TO THE OLD ROADS
I PETER: A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM AN OLD FISHERMAN
*Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know
that the family of believers throughout the world
is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. — 1 Peter 5:9*

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

*CLOSING HYMN #498 I Love to Tell the Story

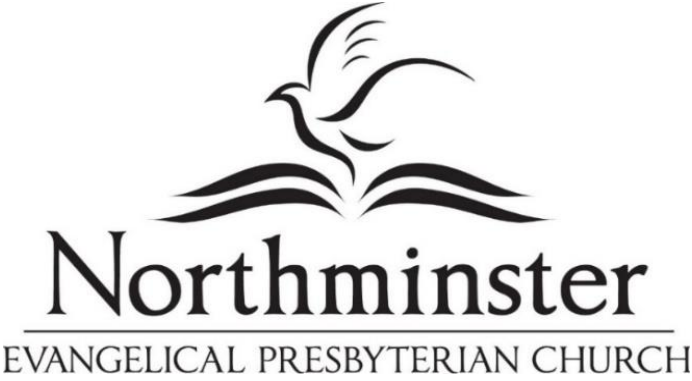
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS
Ron Reyburn,
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Maggie Brockman
Pastor, David Garrison
Bob Mills, Director of Music
Liz Boothe, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Sunday School
Superintendent
Kristin Kidd, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, October 2
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community, and world.*

5 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **2** shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight; not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; **3** not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **5** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. **13** She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. **14** Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.