

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

October 9, 2022Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 1:1-2, 6
Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
People: Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
Leader: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
People: And on his law he meditates day and night.
Leader: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
People: But the way of the wicked will perish.

***OPENING HYMN #52** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #651** O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Merciful God: We haven’t always walked in your ways. Instead of focusing on you, we've allowed ourselves to be distracted by things that you’ve made. Instead of spending time studying your teachings, we’ve sat down with scoffers. Even though you’ve shown us the good way, often we have chosen to follow our own path. For these and other sins O God, forgive us. Restore our vision of your might and majesty. Remind us that we've been called to bring you honor and glory. Renew an upright spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — The Apostle's Creed
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; 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.

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

Monday, October 10:
1:00 pm – Missions Outreach and Evangelism Meeting
7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

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

Friday, October 14:
10:00 am – Women's Book Club

Next Sunday, October 16:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship
5:00 pm – Church Picnic
6:30 pm – Youth Group

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 @ 10:00 am
The Women's Book Club will meet at Sherry Meng's home on October 14, at 10 a.m. They are reading *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World*, by Bob Goff. All women are welcome!

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:45 a.m.
Next week, Pastor David will be starting a new series on the book of Mark. We hope that you will join us as we explore this powerful gospel.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE
Please note that Sunday Night Live will not be held this evening. See you next week!

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.

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 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
by George Matheson, music by Albert L. Peace

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: Ephesians 2:1-10
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:
CHRISTIAN VOCATION: GOD’S WORK AND OUR WALK
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. — Ephesians 2:10

*CLOSING HYMN #523 Trust and Obey

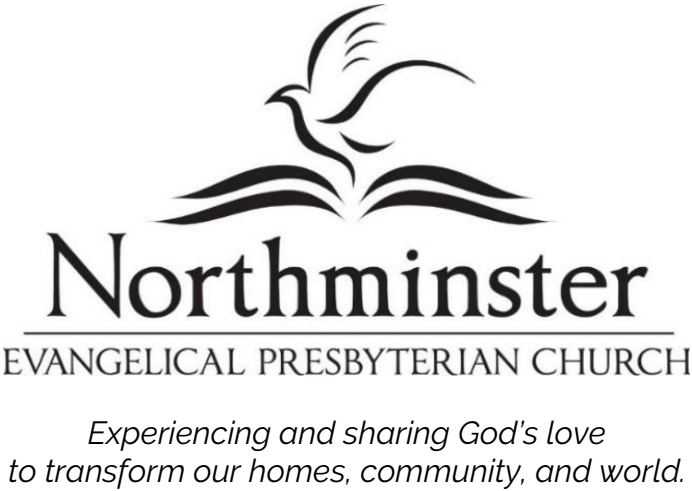
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*POSTLUDE

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

SERMON NOTES, October 9
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2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)