

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

October 16, 2022Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.

People: Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed
over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons
and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*OPENING SONG

In Christ Alone

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

Jesus, I Come

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Micah 6:6-8

Leader: With what shall we come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?

People: Shall we come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Leader: Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

People: Shall we offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of our bodies for the sins of our souls?

Leader: He has shown you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?

People: To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

ANTHEM

Make a Joyful Noise
Paul Fetler

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

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 16:

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

Monday, October 17:

6:30 pm – Canoeing the Mountains

Tuesday, October 18:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, October 19:

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm – Monthly Session Meeting
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 20:

8:30 am – Gleaning for the World (meet in parking lot)

Next Sunday, October 23:

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

*A special welcome to the members of the Liberty University
Concert Choir, who are assisting us in worship today. Thank you
for worshiping with us.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:45 a.m.

Pastor David is beginning a new series on the book of Mark. We
hope that you will join us as we explore this powerful gospel.

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY @ 5 pm

We hope you'll join us this evening for food and fellowship.
Please bring a side to share. Meat and dessert will be provided!

YOUTH GROUP – TODAY @ 6:30 pm

Come for the picnic, stay for Youth Group, for students in grades
6-12.

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. Join us tomorrow night!

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.

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.

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.

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 – Norman Luboff: *Were You There*

*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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:28-39

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WHEN YOUR BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

SERIES: WHEN YOUR BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

And we know that in all things God works for the good

of those who love him, who have been called according

to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

*CLOSING HYMN #502 Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

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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, October 16

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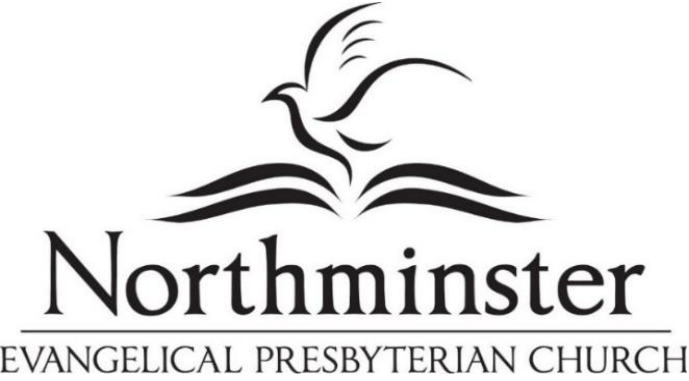
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community, and world.*

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)