

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 6, 2023Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Anne Wilkins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*OPENING HYMN #502

Amazing Grace

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

[A time of silent, personal confession]

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.71

Leader: How is justification an act of God's free grace?

People: By his obedience and death Christ made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to God’s justice on behalf of those who are justified. Yet, insofar as this satisfaction is accepted by God as a guarantee of performance, which he might have demanded from the justified, and since God himself provided a guarantor in the

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, on Facebook/[npcmh](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh), and YouTube: www.youtube.com/@npcmh.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6-13

Sunday, August 6:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, August 8:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution
1:30 pm – Fellowship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 9:
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, August 13:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

 church center

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- Community Connection
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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.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you're looking for an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to join us Sunday mornings for a intergenerational Sunday school class, from 9:45-10:45. We look forward to seeing you!

YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT – SUN. 8/20, 5:00PM

Join us for a back to school cookout on Sunday, August 20 from 5-7pm at The Bryants' place on the James River! You provide drinks, sides and desserts, we'll provide the meats. Bring a swimsuit if you want to swim, poles and bait if you want to fish, or whatever else you might want to do while we're there.

FALL KICKOFF & RALLY DAY– SUNDAY 8/27, 9:00AM

Exciting things are coming this fall, and it all begins on Sunday, August 27. Join us for a special kickoff celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 9AM. We're looking forward to all that God is planning to do in and through us, and hope you'll join us as we get things started!

NIGHT OF WORSHIP – SUNDAY, 8/27, 7PM

We're gathering with other churches in Madison Heights for a night of worship at Madison Heights Baptist Church on Sunday, August 27 at 7pm. This summer's service will focus on God's good and perfect timing in all things. We look forward to worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the area!

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Our focus for the month of August is **Amherst Cares**, a collaborative effort of church, school, and community to feed hungry students in Amherst County Public Schools. If you would like to donate funds to help Amherst Cares, please specify "Amherst Cares" on your check memo line. See the newsletter for more information. Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE CHANGE – BEGINS 8/27

Beginning Sunday, August 27 the worship service will start at **10:30 am**. Additionally, Sunday School will begin at **9:00 am**. We are excited about how this change will enhance our discipleship, worship and fellowship. Read more about this change in this month's newsletter.

person of his only Son, in justification God imputes righteousness to the justified and requires nothing from them in return except faith, which they also have as a gift from him. Consequently, justification comes to the justified as an act of God's free grace. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Draw Me Close

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: Hebrews 10:19-31
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: **STIRRED, NOT SHAKEN**
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS
*Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood,
and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
— Hebrews 9:22*

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

*CLOSING HYMN #733 We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Pastor, David Garrison

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Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session),
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Bob Mills, Director of Music
Sharon Bryant, Sunday
School Superintendent
Mike Henderson &
Barbara Baker,
Treasurers



SERMON NOTES, August 6

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

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

— Hebrews 10:19-31 (ESV)