

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, worship the living God today!

**People: Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.**

Leader: Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand.

**People: Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God’s purposes.**

Leader: Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

**\*OPENING HYMN #532** Be Thou My vision

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*SONG** As It Is In Heaven

GUIDED PRAYER

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.72

Leader: What is justifying faith?


**People: Justifying faith is a saving grace that works in the hearts of sinners by the Spirit and the word of God. By it sinners are convinced of their sinfulness and miserable condition and realize that neither they nor anyone or anything else can get them out of that lost condition, and by it they give full assent to the truth of the gospel promise; they receive and rest on Christ and his righteousness for pardon from sin, as the gospel tells us, and for being accepted and accounted as righteous in the sight of God for salvation. 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](http://www.npcmh.com), on Facebook/[npcmh](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh), and YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@npcmh](https://www.youtube.com/@npcmh).



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13-20


- Sunday, August 13:**  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**11:00 am** – Worship
- Monday, August 14:**  
**7:00 pm** – Habitat For Humanity Board Meeting
- Tuesday, August 15:**  
**9:00 am** – Session Workshop  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution
- Wednesday, August 16:**  
**8:30 am** – Gleaning for the World  
**12:00 pm** – Midweek Prayer Time  
**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice
- Thursday, August 17:**  
**9:30 am** – August Session Meeting
- Next Sunday, August 20:**  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
**5:00 pm** – Youth Cookout @ Bryants on the James

 church center

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- Easy Giving
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- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check

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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.

**GLEANING FOR THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY, 8:30AM**  
Please join us in the parking lot of the church for carpooling. We will return to the church around 11:30 am.

**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, AUGUST 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.

ANTHEM I Will Arise and Go to Jesus  
*Arr. Austin Lovelace*

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: Hebrews 11 (selected verses)  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
***People: Thanks be to God***

SERMON: **THINGS NOT SEEN**  
**SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS**  
*These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar. — Hebrews 11:13*

\*CLOSING HYMN #674 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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<i>Pastor, David Garrison</i>	
<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>Bob Mills, <i>Director of Music</i></b>
<b>Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session),</b>	<b>Sharon Bryant, <i>Sunday</i></b>
<b>John Lange, Liz Boothe,</b>	<b><i>School Superintendent</i></b>
<b>Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins,</b>	<b>Mike Henderson &amp;</b>
<b>Mike Henderson</b>	<b>Barbara Baker,</b>
	<b><i>Treasurers</i></b>



SERMON NOTES, August 13

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

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible...

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city...

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.  
— Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16, 32-39 (ESV)