

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP – based on Psalm 27; John 4:23
Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
Leader: We desire to live in God’s house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

***OPENING HYMN #478**My Savior’s Love

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG**Mighty to Save

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.181
Leader: Why must we pray in Christ’s name?
**People: Human sinfulness has so far separated us from God
that we cannot gain access to his presence without a
mediator to bridge that separation, and since no one
in heaven or earth has been appointed to or is fit for
that glorious job except Christ alone, we must pray in
his name only and in no other. Amen.**

ANTHEMGreat Is Thy Faithfulness
Arr. J. Shrader

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.**

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 27-SEPTEMBER 3

Sunday, August 27:
9:00 am – Sunday School
10:00 am – Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am – Worship
7:00 pm – “Let Us Sing” Community Worship Service
(@ Madison Heights Baptist Church)

Tuesday, August 29:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution



Wednesday, August 30:
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice


Next Sunday, September 3:
9:00 am – Sunday School
10:00 am – Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am – Worship

 church center

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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.

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!

MIDWEEK 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.

“LET US SING” COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE – TONIGHT, 7PM @ MADISON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
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!

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF – SUNDAY, 9/10, 6:30PM
Youth Group resumes on Sunday, September 10 here at Northminster. All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, activities and bible study. See you there!

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!

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP
Scan the QR code under the weekly calendar with the camera on your smartphone to download our app! In the app are the church calendar, small group and volunteer opportunities, the online church directory, and more. If you need help, see Peter Garrison before or after the worship service.

WORSHIPPING 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 13:1-21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: HOW TO PLEASE GOD
SERIES: ALWAYS ONLY JESUS

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. — Hebrews 13:16*

*CLOSING HYMN #612 How Firm A Foundation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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SERMON NOTES, August 27

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

— Hebrews 13:1-21 (ESV)