SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Anne Wilkins Leader: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

People: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters. People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*OPENING HYMN #60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***OPENING PRAYER**

*SONG

Jesus, I Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

[A time of silent, personal confession]

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostle's Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

> I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to 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 guestions, 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 fover table. You can also learn more about us on our website: www.npcmh.com, on Facebook/npcmh, and YouTube: www.youtube.com/@npcmh.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3-10

Sunday, September 3:

g:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation **10:30 am –** Worship

Tuesday, September 5: 12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, September 6:

12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Next Sunday, September 10:

9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation **10:30 am –** Worship 6:30 pm – Youth Fall Kickoff

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

MIDWEEK PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS @ Noon

God.

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 SEPTEMBER

Our focus for the month of August is **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. NHN has a selective food warehouse that provides "guests" with the opportunity to shop for their groceries; it's open the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays from 8:00-10:30 am. If you would like to donate funds to help Neighbors Helping Neighbors, please specify "NHN" on your check memo line. See the newsletter for more information. Thank you for your support!

DISASTER RELIEF DONATIONS

When disaster strikes locally or abroad (such as the Maui wildfire or Hurricane Idalia, and you would like to contribute to the recovery efforts through the work of the church, you may do so by putting "Disaster" in the memo/note field of your donation, or by going to https://epc.org/donate/emergencyrelief/. Relief funds are distributed through local EPC churches in the impacted communities so the aid goes to those who need it most.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcomed in the service. A nursery is provided for infants - 4 years. Others needing childcare may leave worship after

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!

Please join us on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer in the sanctuary as we bring our needs before our loving

Thank you to the many people who helped make last Sunday's fall kickoff a resounding success.

dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Arr. Victor Johnson

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 ve heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

OLD TESTAMENT READING: NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 3:1-19 Matthew 11:25-30

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: THE REASON FOR OUR RESTLESSNESS SERIES: REST FOR YOUR SOUL

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. — Matthew 11:29

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction. Invitation. Institution Partaking of the Communion Elements Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #622 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please Stand

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SERMON NOTES, September 3

for you are dust,

Matt. 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." — Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)



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Genesis 3:17 And to Adam he said. "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; and to dust you shall return."

- Genesis 3:17-19 (ESV)