SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: John Lange Leader: Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

the risen one, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,

the holy fire, who renews us.

People: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*OPENING HYMN #356	All Creatures of Our God and King
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***OPENING PRAYER**

*SONG

Better is One Day

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come. Let Us Join Composer: Joseph M. Martin; Words: Isaac Watts

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 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 10-17

Sunday, September 10:

g:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation **10:30 am –** Worship 6:30 pm – Youth Group

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

Wednesday, September 13: 12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time

Thursday, September 14: 1:30 pm – Session Meeting

Next Sunday, September 17: g:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation **10:30 am –** Worship 6:30 pm – Youth Group

church center

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- Community Connection

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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!

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.

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 9:00-10:00. 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

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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 <u>debts</u> as we forgive our <u>debtors</u>. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertorv

*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

OLD TESTAM

*CLOSING HYMN #584	Have Thine Own Way
*BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	
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THE ROUTE TO REST

SERMON NOTES, September 10

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John Lange, Liz Boothe,	School Superintendent	in your m
Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkin		Praise the LORE
Mike Henderson	Barbara Baker,	
	Treasurers	

PSALM 116

Northminster EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; od is merciful. reserves the simple; was brought low, he saved me. y soul, to your rest; LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

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the sight of the LORD death of his saints. m your servant; our servant, the son of your maidservant. ave loosed my bonds. o you the sacrifice of thanksgiving all on the name of the LORD. v vows to the LORD presence of all his people, s of the house of the LORD,

^r midst, O Jerusalem. RD!

- Psalm 116 (ESV)