

Welcome

to Norcross Presbyterian Church

Come as you are. You won't be a stranger long.

Celebration of Worship—June 28, 2020

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

One: We have worshipped at this facility for 48 years.

All: You have been faithful to us, O God.

One: We have participated in baptisms, weddings, funerals, Easters and Christmases here for years.

All: You have been faithful to us, O God.

One: And now you have led us to move. And amidst all our feelings of excitement, we are also sad to leave this place, because...

All: You have been faithful to us, O God.

One: So we turn to you in worship, trusting you as we go. Asking you to be faithful to us into the future.

All: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #401 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Here in This Place

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

A time for meditation

† Response to meditation (*hymn # 582*)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Thankfulness for 3324 Medlock Bridge Road

LITURGY OF THE WORD

† Prayer for Illumination

As we hear your Word, Lord, send your Spirit among us. After we hear it, send us to live your Word in this world bravely and boldly. Amen

† Hymn #452 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58.7-12

Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?
Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;
if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noon.
The LORD will guide you continually
and provide for you, even in parched places.
He will rescue your bones.
You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water that won't run dry.
They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;
the foundations of generations past you will restore.
You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Livable Streets.

Sermon

The Shopping Cart Theory
by Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Fry

† **Hymn #69** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart.

† **Affirmation of Faith**—*The Apostles' Creed*—(unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (send in your prayer requests on Facebook Live)

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

The 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.

Offering

Offertory

† **Doxology # 607** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*responsively*)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are thankful for this place, and for each other. More than that we are thankful for your goodness to us, in granting us grace and mercy. We know that you are still present, even as we go through a global pandemic and moving and when people we love are sick or suffering or dealing with unexpected life events. Continue to be our God, in this and every place.

SENDING

† **Hymn #649** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

† Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Announcements

Wednesday Night Live—Have fellowship with your NPC family every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. We meet via ZOOM to catch up with each other and to discuss various topics like Murphy's catechism lessons or current events.

Virtual Coffee Hour has been a JOY! Join us if you'd like some fellowship time starting this Sunday at 10am via ZOOM before the worship service watch party. It's a chance for us to get together until we can gather again in person. Pour yourself a cup, drop in and say "Hey."

Don't miss any important updates! Information and events are shared in three ways:

- 1) Email—NPC sends out informational emails every week. Make sure Jason has your current email address.
- 2) Facebook—visit facebook.com/norcrosspres for updates, photos and fun items. Be sure to click on “FOLLOW” to get our postings automatically.
- 3) Youtube—NPC has a new Youtube channel that we use for Sunday Worship and informational videos. Search for our channel “Norcross Presbyterian Church” and click on “SUBSCRIBE”

July Birthdays

Audrey Bernardo—7/2, Jacob Geerlings—7/7, Carol MacGregor—7/12, Jason Bernardo—7/12, Bob Norman—7/16, Sandra Bernardo—7/18, Victoria Turner—7/18, Aron Correa—7/20, German Correa—7/24, Heather Lown—7/30

CONTINUE TO SEND YOUR OFFERINGS TO NPC. Even though we are not meeting at the church for these few weeks, NPC continues to meet its financial obligations for fixed expenses and community outreach. We cannot do it without your continued support. Please continue to make your weekly or monthly contributions to NPC. You have several options.

Simply mail a check to the church payable to Norcross Presbyterian Church

Instruct your bank's existing online bill pay service to send a check to Norcross Presbyterian Church, 3324 Medlock Bridge Road, Norcross GA 30092

Make an online donation using a credit card by visiting:

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