

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

**Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation**  
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude** "Gavotte II" JS BACH

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**\*Call to Worship** Ruth George

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

**Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Glory to God

**Call to Confession** Ruth George

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** Ruth George

Leader: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast.

**People: Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Joys and Concerns** (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer) Ruth George

## Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

*Prayer Response: O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me, O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

**Meditation** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

**First Reading** Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** New Testament Lesson Luke 12:32-40

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Rev. Dwight McCormick

## Responding to the Word

**Stewardship Reminder** (Offering plate is outside the sanctuary on the table by door)

## \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Glory to God

## Benediction

**Closing Chorus** "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

## Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

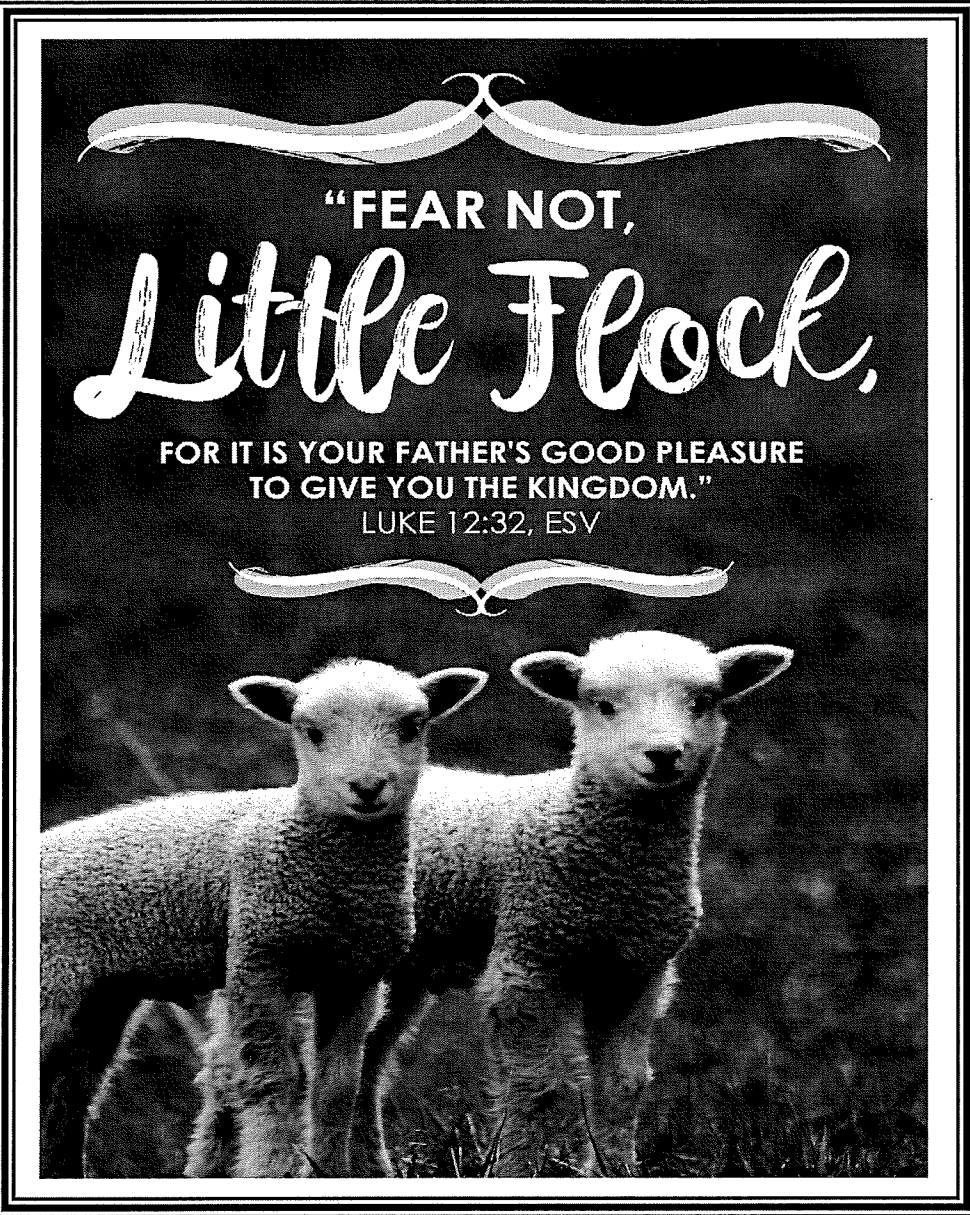
Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Teri McDowell Ott  
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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**“FEAR NOT,  
Little Flock,  
FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE  
TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.”  
LUKE 12:32, ESV**

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