

# Northumberland Christian School



# Commencement Service 2019

**COMMENCEMENT SERVICE  
OF THE  
NORTHUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2019**

**May 30, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**PROCESSIONAL—N.C.S. Alma Mater  
-words by Julie Thomas and Marianne Fox,  
N.C.S. Class of 1978**

**[Procession of Fourth through Eleventh Grade:]**

**May N.C.S. find favor in Thy sight,  
A school for Thy name's sake shining in the night.  
We know the honor to have walked its halls.  
Grant us Thy blessing. Hallelujah.**

**O God, may we Thy faithful witness be,  
Learning and teaching that which makes us free.  
Bless us Thy servants, striving in Thy realm,  
And all the honor shall be Thine forever.**

**We praise Thee, God, for all that Thou hast done,  
Graciously giv'n to us a Christian school,  
Teaching us so in Thy way to run,  
To know Thy blessing, and to obey Thy rule.**

**Procession of Senior Class (Congregation standing)**

**(Congregation join in singing)**

**Of Thee our God, and through Thee all things are,  
To Thee our Creator, offer we our hearts.  
Receive the glory Thy people give to Thee  
Forever and ever. Hallelujah.**

**Amen.**

**INVOCATION**

**MR. JONATHAN REES**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**MR. DOUG WESNER**

**ANTHEM—*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name***

**-Tom Fettke**

**REFLECTIONS—Derek Schoeppner, Kiersten Reese,  
Caroline Strouse, Peggy Ulmer**

**SENIORS—*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me***

**-Edward Hopper/John Binde**

**REFLECTIONS—Amanda Severn, Kristen Derr, Madeline Clark**

**ANTHEM—*And Can It Be?***

**-Charles Wesley/Dan Forrest**

**REFLECTIONS—Jessica Strouse, Emily Crago,  
Collin York, Gwyneth Hudson**

**HYMN**

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender.  
We go not forth alone against the foe;  
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,  
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.  
(Repeat last two lines of each stanza)

Yea, in Thy Name, O Captain of Salvation,  
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;  
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,  
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
And needing more each day Thy grace to know;  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing:  
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender.  
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise  
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,  
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.

**Amen.**

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

**PASTOR JOSH GIBSON**

**PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS**

**PASTOR JOHN REES**

**HYMN**

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

**Amen.**

**CLOSING REMARKS/PRAYER**

**PASTOR MICHAEL CANTINE**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**RECESSIONAL—*Doxology***

**-Ralph Vaughan Williams**

Northumberland Christian School was founded in 1972 to provide a God-centered education that stimulates in the student a passion for excellence in learning, service, and worship. The school offers a full educational program for students from preschool through high school.

N.C.S. is a ministry of the First Regular Baptist Church of Northumberland.

**Northumberland Christian School Class of 2019**

**Madeline Rachael Clark\***

**Derek James Schoeppner**

**Emily Marie Crago\*\***

**Amanda LaJeanne Severn\*\*\***

**Kristen Faith Derr\***

**Caroline Jeanette Strouse\*\***

**Gwyneth Micaiah Hudson\*\*\***

**Jessica Torey Strouse\*\*\***

**Kiersten Lian Reese\*\*\***

**Peggy Elizabeth Ulmer\*\*\***

**Collin Benjamin York\***

\*\*\*summa cum laude (97-100);

\*\* magna cum laude (95-96); \*cum laude (93-94)

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