

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 155 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*November Twentieth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Sixteen*

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 559

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Blessed is the Lord our God.

Congregants: He has sent us a mighty Savior.

Minister: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregants: He reigns in glory forever.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior,
you pour out your power for the powerless
and your salvation for the lost.**

**Remember us in your new creation,
so that we may live in peace with you
in the presence of the Holy One,
to Whom be all honor and glory,
through you, in the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

* HYMN 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess

that we have not turned away from sin.

You great Jesus, to you we return

You sent Jesus to us to save us
and in our sin we handed him over to die.
You lifted him up on the cross
and still we mocked Your holy realm.
Forgive us, God of grace.
We know not what we do.
Save us from our sin and death,
so that we may know true life in You.
Hear these our silent prayers.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

*PRAISE RESPONSE *Hallelujah! Sing Praise* Verse 1 (music sheet in pews)

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King* Guidetti/arr. Ley

THE SECOND LESSON John 18:33-38

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' ³⁸ Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' **Jesus Sentenced to Death** After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him.'

THE SERMON THE KINGDOM OF GOD Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving / 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Congregational MSB 34 *Jesus Is Our King*

Hymn 153 *He Is King of Kings*

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Ushers for November 27, 2016 –

THE SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, November 27th, following the morning worship service.

Lynn Kirby would like to thank Susan Lockard, Debbie Newman, Mia Esworthy, Audrey Hayes, Maggie Graybill, Dana Esworthy, and Kathy Baker for helping with the Operation Christmas Child packing party. We packed 29 boxes for Operation Christmas Child with 8 young children. I couldn't have done it without you!

The C.E. Committee wants to thank Kathy Baker for heading up our Veteran's Day lunch. The food was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyable. We want to remember and thank all who have served and serve our country today.

December 17th Teddy Bear Toss at ROANOKE RAIL YARD DAWGS GAME!!

Northminster is doing a family outing to see Roanoke's new hockey team. So bring the whole family and/or a friend with you, and join us at the game! Mark your calendar for December 17, 2016 at 7:05 at the Berglund Center. We will meet at 6:30 to hand out the tickets. The cost is \$8.50/ticket. AND it is a special event night- a Teddy Bear Toss. Bring a Teddy bear to the game, and after the Rail Yard Dawgs score their first goal- we toss our teddy bears onto the ice. They will be collected and distributed to a children's charity for Christmas. Dana Esworthy is organizing the event, and they expect a big crowd. So we need to know by December 4th who will attend. You can give the money along with the count to either Margie Cundiff or Dana Esworthy before the event or in the offering plate at church. (Write the check to Dana Esworthy please since she is buying the block of tickets.) We are opening this up to everyone in the church, so it should be a lot of fun! If you have any questions, contact either Dana or Margie.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help provide transportation to church each Sunday for some of our members who could not otherwise attend. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Minister.

ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE ENCOURAGED to sit towards the front of the sanctuary, to help build a truly worshipping community with everyone gathered together in praise.

Following our usual custom Sunday, Nov. 20 will be "Pies for Rescue Mission". Bring pies in any form and of any kind to church on that Sunday. They can use freshly homemade, frozen, or "store boughten" kind. If you forget on Sunday, just get them to the kitchen by noon on Monday. I will pick them up for delivery to the Rescue Mission after 12:00 on Monday.

A COLD WEATHER CLOTHES COLLECTION DRIVE will be held for the refugees and immigrants of Blue Ridge Literacy through the month of November. Please bring cold weather clothing for any age group---especially women and children---to the church, and Blue Ridge Literacy staff will take the clothing to those in need.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2017. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a Bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 366-7818 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles please let

Session and please refreshers and a time to socialize. Call Mike Lanford at 555-7616 if you are interested in joining as this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by mid-November.

"Devotional booklets and daily scripture reading guides can be found in the hallway outside the fellowship hall in the new wall racks and on the table. Current and past copies of devotional booklets including, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* are available. Please help yourself to any of these excellent publications."

Calendar

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship / Communion
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship
	12:15 pm	Session Meeting

IF YOU HAVE A NEED OF THE INTERIM MINISTER, you can reach him at 493-9622, or at mmerritt@brlit.org, or leave a message at the church office. If you do not reach him, leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible. (Please do not send him a text---he does not understand that technology!)

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Jesse Amos	Laura Blackwell	Bobby Brammer
Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan	Mary Donato
Barry Ferrell	Ella Guntner	Tom Hale
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Nancy Maile
Betty McFadden	Mac Pace	Sarah Plymale
Dot Seigler	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Harley Walker	George Wingeier	Shirley Wynn

Friends and Family

Hayley Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)
Mike Duckworth – (brother-in-law of Holly Woodson)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
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THE SESSION *
Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Class of 2017: Lynn Kirby, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill, Bob Newman, Dave Snider
Class of 2018: Dana Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace