

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Congregational Hymn MSB 6 *Broken For Me*
Prayer after Communion

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 307 *Fight the Good Fight*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book
*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers
Stan Lanford, Dave Snider

Communion Servers
Walt Haines, Stan Lanford, Bob Newman, Karen Smith

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

November Sixth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Sixteen

Twenty- Fiftieth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the
love which from our birth Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to
Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Jesus Christ is our hope, our joy, our life.

Congregants: Praise the Lord! Our Redeemer lives!

Minister: Christ is with us now, and will come in glory again.

Congregants: Praise the Lord! Our Savior reigns!

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Living God of all ages,

Your love defies death and brings life.

Your covenant is sure, Your promises are faithful.

Fill us now with Your Holy Spirit

so that we can celebrate with You

and with all Your family past, present, and to come,

at Your feast of goodness and glory.

We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN 526 *For All the Saints*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sinfulness.
We are quickly shaken in our faith,
and too often listen to false prophets.
We put our hope in things of this life
and deny Your gift of resurrection.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us true hope and real comfort.
Strengthen us in word and deed
so that we can share the new life You offer.
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 Hebrews 11:39 – 12:2

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,
⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.
¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every
weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set
before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that
was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right
hand of the throne of God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *For Everyone Born* From the new Presbyterian Hymnal

THE SECOND LESSON Revelation 5:9-14

⁹They sing a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were
slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from* every tribe and language and
people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving* our God,

and they will reign on earth.’ ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding
the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ ¹³Then I
heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in
them, singing,
‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for
ever and ever!’ ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and
worshipped.

THE SERMON

ONE COMMUNION

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*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.**

Announcements

Ushers for November 13, 2016 – Sarah Godsey, Dave Snider, John and Lee Ann Kabana

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, November 8, at 10:00 am at the church.

Stan Lanford wants to thank Northminster congregation for their prayers and thoughts during his recent hospitalization.

THANK YOU to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent medical crisis. It felt good to know that my church family was with me. I truly appreciate each of you and your kindness. Judy Moore

Apple Butter was another great success this year and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all who helped out and thanks to all who support our efforts by purchasing the finished product. Proceeds go to the Christian Education Committee for youth activities. We're certain you'll enjoy the fruits of our labors (pun intended) while the memories made will last long after the last jar has been scrapped clean!

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.

The new Young Adult Fellowship group is collecting gently worn coats for a coat drive. Kid’s coats will go to Fallon Elementary where they help those children who do not have coats. Adult coats will go to Rescue Mission. The deadline for them is December 1st. There is a box in the Narthex to place the coats. Please bring any coats you can donate in the month of October to help those in need. Thank you!

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 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."

The 2016 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion Veterans Lunch
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Circle 1 Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

IF YOU HAVE A NEED OF THE INTERIM MINSTER, you can reach him at 493-9622, or at rmerritt@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 Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)
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
PHONE: (540) 366-8115

Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
Susie Tallmage, Secretary

Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

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THE SESSION *

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Class of 2016: Kathy Baker, Sarah Godsey, Greg Cundiff, Chuck Lockard, Tom Olsen

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