

who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

THE SERMON SHREWD STEWARDS Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 327 *O Word of God Incarnate*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Insert)

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers
Emily Allen*

*Acolytes
Maggie Graybill*

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

*October Sixteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Sixteen*

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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: Give thanks to God, Who is our peace,
our hope, our joy.

Congregants: We give thanks with all our hearts.

Minister: Praise the Lord, Who makes us whole.

Congregants: We come to praise the holy name of God.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Holy God, in Christ You came

to heal our diseases, to cleanse our sin,

to shine light in our darkness, to show us Your way.

Let our lives be signs of gratitude

for the gift of Your amazing grace,

and may our words and deeds reflect

the love You have shared with us,

Announcements

Ushers for October 23, 2016 – Sarah Godsey, Jyke Jones, Bob Newman, Holly Woodson

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called for Sunday, October 30, 2016, at the end of the morning worship service, for the purpose of hearing the report of the congregation's Nominating Committee and electing persons to serve on the Session for 2017.

THE SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, October 23, following the morning worship service.

Please get Newsletter items for the November/December Newsletter to Debbie Newman by Tuesday, October 25th.

A VERY IMPORTANT SURVEY will soon be given to every Northminster member to complete, so that the Mission Study Task Force can compile YOUR thoughts, opinions, and perspectives for shaping the future of our congregation.

PLEASE pray about your responses, and give time and focus to the survey when you fill it out. We do need the input of ALL our church family!

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.

Hey kids, come and join us on Saturday, October 29th at 11:00 for pumpkin and cookie decorating as well as some games. We hope to see you there!

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 November 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!

IT'S APPLE BUTTER SIGN UP TIME!

Our annual apple butter boiling will be held on Saturday, October 29th with the peeling taking place on Thursday, October 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Reserve your apple butter and sign up to join the fun on both days on the forms located on the bulletin boards outside the secretary's office. Prices: Quart - \$7.00; Pint - \$4.00; Fellowship – priceless!

Why not go ahead and shop now for the Operation Christmas Child project and have it done before the Christmas rush! There will be a container in the narthex for your contributions. Bring in your contributions before November 4th and the kids will pack them up. We thank you for any support you can give to this worthy cause.

Hey Kids, come and join us Saturday, November 5th at 5:30 for our first Operation Christmas Child packing party. It will be held at the home of Lynn Kirby, 7969 Alpine Road. We will start out with pizza and drinks, and then pack the shoeboxes. Once the boxes are packed, we will see the Veggie Tales Christmas movie, St. Nicholas-A Story of Joyful Giving. We plan to be done by 8:00. Parents are encouraged to enjoy dinner with the YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP group. Hope to see you there!

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.

Calendar		
Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting

IF YOU HAVE A NEED OF THE INTERIM MINISTER, 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	Mary Donato	Barry Ferrell
Ella Guntner	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Rose Howard	Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff
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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Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
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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