

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 Hymn MSB 3 *As the Deer*

MSB 48 *One Bread, One Body*

Prayer after Communion

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

*Indicates the People Standing

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Ushers

Kathy Baker, Dana Esworthy, Jyke Jones, Tom Olsen

Communion Servers

Emily Allen, Dana Esworthy, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill, Ann Pace

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; II Timothy 1:1-14

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: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Congregants: God's mercies never come to an end.

Minister: The love of the Lord is new every morning.

Congregants: Great is the faithfulness of our God.

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto Whom

all hearts are open and all desires known,

we come before You this morning

with singing and thanksgiving,

with confession and proclamation,

to gather at Your Table of grace

to celebrate Your gift of life.

Speak to our spirits as we worship You,

**and let Your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may serve You all our days.
Through Jesus Christ, whose invitation
to this Table we gladly accept.
Amen.**

* HYMN 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sin.
Our thoughts are not Your thoughts,
and our ways are not Your ways.
We care about ourselves
more than we have concern for others.
We have not allowed ourselves
to experience the deep joys of the Spirit.
Forgive us, merciful Father,
And save us from our own darkness.
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 Genesis 3:22-24

²² Then the Lord God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever’—²³therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Be Present at our Table, Lord* Robert Lau

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles* from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ ¹⁹He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ ²⁵Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE SERMON ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*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

Announcements

Ushers for October 9, 2016 – Emily Allen, Sarah Plymale, The Graybills

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with The Deaton family, following the death of Jim Deaton, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Jim's heavenly welcome.

Rev. P. G. Cosby III who was the minister for Northminster from 1950 to 1966 passed away on Saturday, Sept.17 in Lynchburg at the age of 103. The funeral service was yesterday, Sept 24 at Westminster – Canterbury in Lynchburg where he resided. A very complete obituary can be found online in the Lynchburg newspaper, newsadvance.com/obit. Go to the funeral home site for the complete obit.

Today October 2nd, we will receive the Peace & Global Witness offering.

CROP WALK is Oct 9th, 1:30pm, at First Presbyterian Church. There will be a 1 mile and a 3 mile walk- and runners are welcome! CROP WALK is an annual event sponsored by Church World Service each October to raise funds and awareness for world hunger. Join our Northminster Team! Everyone welcome! We'll have a table set up for you sign up to join us for lunch downtown, walking, and/or to donate. Contact Susan Graybill with questions. Thanks for your support!

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!

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 welcome to stay or you can go out and have a nice, quiet dinner. Hope to see you there!

You may have noticed that over the past year, the choir has been using the new Presbyterian hymnbook. It includes traditional and old favorite hymns, and also has popular global and contemporary Christian songs. The Worship Committee would like for the congregation to be able to use these hymnbooks as well. The Mission Committee has agreed to give us a portion of what is needed to purchase the hymnbooks. Your help is needed to purchase the balance. We would like to give you the opportunity to purchase a hymnbook in memory or in honor of a family member or friend. A nameplate would be placed in the hymnbook with your name and the person that you are honoring. Please fill out the form provided in the Sunday bulletin along with your donation. Thank you for your contribution and help with getting this project off the ground. Regular Hymnbook \$22, Large Print Hymnbook \$32

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion
Monday Tuesday	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting Circle 2 with Kathy Baker
Wednesday	5:30pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Crop Walk

Morning Worship / Communion

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

PHONE: (540) 366-8115

Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
Susie Tallmage, Secretary

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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

