



**You alone are the Giver of every good and perfect gift,  
Most of all Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 458                      *Earth and All Stars*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that we have not turned away from sin.  
You have given us all that we have or need,  
and too often we give ourselves credit.  
We do not live in thanksgiving to You,  
we do not share Your gifts with others,  
we do not use Your gifts of grace  
in ways that You call us to do.  
Forgive us, O God, for our selfish ways.  
Help us to live humbly, to live in repentance,  
To live always in service to You and others.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON                      (Minister)

God has forgiven us seventy times seven.  
He hears the prayers of a contrite heart,  
He comes in mercy into our world,  
and in Jesus Christ, He makes us whole.  
Hear the Good News!  
In the blood of our Lord, we are forgiven!

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

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST LESSON    Ephesians 4:1-18

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' <sup>9</sup>(When it says,

'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. <sup>17</sup>Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.**

ANTHEM

*All Good Gifts*

Natalie Sleeth

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON    Judges 7:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the troops that were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was north of them, below the hill of Moreh, in the valley. <sup>2</sup>The Lord said to Gideon, 'The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, "My own hand has delivered me."' <sup>3</sup>Now therefore proclaim this in the hearing of the troops, "Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home." ' Thus Gideon sifted them out; twenty-two thousand returned, and ten thousand remained. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Gideon, 'The troops are still too many; take them down to the water and I will sift them out for you there. When I say, "This one shall go with you", he shall go with you; and when I say, "This one shall not go with you", he shall not go.' <sup>5</sup>So he brought the troops down to the water; and the Lord said to Gideon, 'All those who lap the water with their tongues, as a dog laps, you shall put to one side; all those who kneel down to drink, putting their hands to their mouths, you shall put to the other side.' <sup>6</sup>The number of those that lapped was three hundred; but all the rest of the troops knelt down to drink water. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said to Gideon, 'With the three hundred that lapped I will deliver you, and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.' <sup>8</sup>So he took the jars of the troops

## Announcements

Ushers for October 30, 2016 – Holly Woodson

**THE SESSION WILL HOLD its regular monthly meeting today October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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.**

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup> with the peeling taking place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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. Please contact the church office ASAP.

### Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	Apple Butter Peeling
Saturday	6:30 am 11:00 am	Apple Butter Boiling Kids Cooking and Pumpkin Decorating
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship Congregational Meeting

IF YOU HAVE A NEED OF THE INTERIM MINISTER, you can reach him at 493-9622, or at [rmerritt@brlit.org](mailto: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)

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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