

*HYMN 369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*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

Christ Be Our Light

From the new Presbyterian Hymnal

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

*Indicates the People Standing

The flowers are given today in memory of our loving parents and grandparents, "Frank and Pat Feather," by Karen and Tim Smith, Sarah, Ed, Lauren and Caitlin Godsey.

*Ushers
Holly Woodson*

*Acolytes
Mia Esworthy, Maggie Graybill*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144

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: Our God, the Almighty One, reigns now and forever.

Congregants: He rules with love and grace, justice and peace.

Minister: His Holy Spirit is with us now as we gather.

Congregants: We come to share, to learn, to praise, to follow.

Minister: Let us worship the Living God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

God of lost and found,

God of all creatures great and small,

God of judgment and of forgiveness,

God Who holds us and enfolds us in grace,

as You came among us

through the presence of Jesus Christ,

come to us in our worship this day

**with the good news of Your mercy and salvation.
Give us hearts to rejoice
and tongues to praise Your holy name forever.
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

* HYMN 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are broken, we are sinful,
we have fallen from Your path.
Too often we follow the crowd
instead of obeying Your Word.
We keep our distance from deep commitment,
going through the motions of faith.
We seek Your mercy and favor,
but begrudge Your blessings for others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Come to us, revive our spirits,
and save us from ourselves,
for without You, we are lost,
but in You alone, our true lives are found.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Scripture tells us that God's heart is like the cedars,
rising above the wilderness. His forgiveness
is plentiful, and His mercy is abundant. Surely
His goodness and His love shall be with us
all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell
in His house forever. Praise God!

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

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of

their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

The Eternal Gifts of God

arr. Henry Ley

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

¹³‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

THE SERMON

SALT AND LIGHT

Dr. Russ Merritt

Announcements

Ushers for November 6, 2016 – Emily Allen, Stan Lanford, Dave Snider
Communion Servers- Sarah Godsey, Stan Lanford, Bob Newman

Thanks for your participation in the 2016 CROP Walk. 200 walkers raised over \$14000, with money still being collected. 75% of funds raised go to desperately needed places around the world to aid those suffering with hunger-related issues. 25% of funds go to assist Roanoke Area Ministries in their daily feeding of homeless and low-income families. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Eloise Dunagan is now at Spring Tree Nursing Home.

Circle 2 will meet Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm with Alice Baker.
Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, November 8, at 10:00 am at the church.

Mark your calendars! A Veterans appreciation luncheon will be hosted by the children and youth immediately after church on November 6th. Please make plans to join us as we show our thanks for Northminster's veterans and church family. If you are a veteran and would like to set up a display in the fellowship hall for the luncheon please notify Kathy Baker.

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.

A VERY IMPORTANT SURVEY is being 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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TO HURRICANE MATTHEW
PDA will immediately begin working alongside established partners to respond to this latest crisis. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities and villages. As long-term recovery needs are determined, PDA will continue to support those in impacted areas to ensure a comprehensive recovery. As more information becomes available on conditions in Haiti, Cuba, the Bahamas, and the United States, PDA will update this information and keep the church apprised on the emerging disaster response and community needs for recovery. Thank you for your generosity in prayer and in giving to those whose lives have been impacted by wind and water; as the Holy Spirit once brooded over the unformed waters of the earth and created order and life, so your prayerful gifts bring hope out of chaos.<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricanematthew-response/>
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has set up two funds for the recent disaster efforts. The Hurricane Matthew disaster relief fund is DR000193. Funds sent to this number will be used for all areas affected by the hurricane (Haiti, Cuba and the US). PDA has also set up fund number DR000191 for flooding in Louisiana and West Virginia. All funds

collected for the disaster relief can be sent thru the Presbytery on the remittance form with the fund designation. The prayers and support from our churches in the presbytery are vital to the disaster relief efforts both nationally and internationally.

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.

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!

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 Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Alice Baker
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 am	Sunday School Morning Worship Veterans Lunch

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	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
PHONE: (540) 366-8115

Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
Susie Tallmage, Secretary
Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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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