

dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic 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 522 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

\*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers*

*Greg and Margie Cundiff, Jyke Jones*

*Communion Servers*

*Greg and Margie Cundiff, Walt and Marie Haines, Allen Kling*

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*April Sixteenth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Easter Sunday*

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THE REFITTING OF THE SANCTUARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; Luke 24:13-49

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 248 (Verse 1) *Hymn to Joy*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Lord has prepared a feast for us.

**Congregants: It is the glorious and abundant feast of victory.**

Minister: The tomb is empty, God has given us eternal life.

**Congregants: This is a time of praise and rejoicing.**

Minister: Jesus Christ is risen today! Let us worship our God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Living God, we praise You—**

**for this day that You have made,**

**for this life that You have given,**

**for the Church that You have called.**

**Let this day be filled with wonder,**

**let our lives proclaim the message,**

**let Your Church sing out the news—**

**that Christ, our Lord and Savior,**

**in whose name we now pray,**

**is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\* HYMN 232      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of everlasting life, we confess  
that too often we continue in the ways of death.  
You have announced Your new creation,  
but we put our faith in former things.  
You have opened the door of the tomb,  
but we close our hearts to those in need.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Make us people of the resurrection,  
proclaiming the destruction of death  
and the gift of glorious new life in You,  
through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minster)

We have been buried in despair, in doubt, in fear,  
lifeless, and without hope. But God has raised us  
with Christ, proclaiming love stronger than death.  
As surely as the rising sun banishes the shadows of night,  
Christ's resurrection gives the world love undimmed  
by any force of darkness. Hear the good news:  
in the risen Lord, we are forgiven! Praise be to God!

\* RESPONSE Hymn 236 (Verse 1)      *The Strife is O'er*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The  
song of triumph has begun. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE FIRST LESSON      I Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of

them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

*Christ the Lord is ris'n again!*

Richard Shephard

THE SECOND LESSON      John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THE SERMON

LIVING AN EASTER LIFE

Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 277

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

(Verses 1-4)

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the**

## Announcements

Ushers for April 23, 2017 – Emily Allen

Thanks to all the kids who participated in the Easter egg hunt and for those folks who donated candy.

Today, April 16th, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, one of the four church wide offerings. The proceeds are distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger Program, and Self Development. Please support this offering generously.

THE SESSION WILL MEET for its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, April 23, 2017 following the worship service.

Make plans now to join us Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, for a special worship service that will include the results of the membership survey regarding the potential direction of our church. Following the service, we will enjoy a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by a question and answer session. A nursery will be provided for all of the above and don't worry about bringing food – everything will be provided!

Northminster Presbyterian is celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2017. The worship committee is planning a homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 1st with a special service and luncheon to follow the service. If you have a special person you want to be invited, please give the name and address to Judy Ferrell. When we have finalized the plans, we will let everyone know!!

There will be a Spiritual Growth Weekend on April 28-29 at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. Carl McColman will be the speaker. Mr. McColman is the author of several books on Christian spirituality. He is passionate about helping Christians find greater joy and purpose in their faith through the practice of daily prayer. More information is located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The Synod Men's Conference will be held at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center from July 14-16. For more information, see the brochure located outside of the church office. You can also visit [www.midatlanticmen.org](http://www.midatlanticmen.org).

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.

### Calendar

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship / Communion

Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship
	12:15 pm	Session Meeting

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary	Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

### Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

#### Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Ella Guntner	Tom Hale
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile
Nancy Maile	Jace Newman	Mac Pace
Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

#### Friends and Family

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)  
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

#### \*THE SESSION\*

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

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

Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Plymale,

Holly Woodson

