

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 227 *Jesus, Remember Me* (sung twice)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregants: He is the Creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Congregants: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: Sing with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Congregants: Worship the Lord with gladness,
come into His presence with singing!**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

Congregants: And also with you.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

God of all glory, on the first day of creation

You brought light out of darkness.

On this day when we celebrate new creation,

You have raised Jesus from the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day, may Your Spirit be with us,

this fellowship created by Your love and power,

that we might know Your Way and share Your love.

Through Christ we pray and we praise You.

Amen.

* HYMN 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have sinned against You

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and left undone.

**that we may delight in Your will,
walk in Your ways, and listen for Your voice,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

* HYMN 551 *Lord, Have Mercy*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; upon us.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Behold, the old life has gone,

and a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*RESPONSE HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace* (verse one)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I
once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 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

Lamb of God

Samuel Webber

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

Announcements

Ushers for April 9, 2017 –

Session Meeting immediately following worship service

Thanks to all of you for the prayers, visits, and cards, keep praying that strength will be restored to my legs. Love to all, Ruth St. Cyr

The next outing for our Young Adult Fellowship is Friday, April 7th at **Homeplace Restaurant at 6 pm**. We plan to have babysitting set up at the church for those who need it. We have the downstairs room to ourselves at the Homeplace, so that should be fun! The price is \$22.00/person, and that includes EVERYTHING- 3 meats, all the sides, drinks, dessert, tax, and tip! Be thinking about some service project ideas for the group. Margie Cundiff needs to know by April 6th if you are coming and, if possible, can bring a friend or two. You can leave a message at 366-7605 or email her at Margie.cundiff@cox.net.

Bring your Easter basket and join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15th for our annual Easter egg hunt! This year it will be held at Lynn Kirby's house: 7969 Alpine Road. For directions, call 540-588-1782. If you are interested in contributing candy for the Easter egg hunt, please leave it in the church office before April 9th.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church is having a Holy Saturday Service on April 15th. It begins at 3:00 pm. Saturday of Holy Week represents the in between time at Jesus's death and before his resurrection. Like the disciples at Jesus's death there are times when we wait in darkness, confusion and anguish for God to show up. This service honors the darkness and uncertainty in our lives as we wait for God's gifts of resurrection and new life.

On 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.

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.

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 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting
Monday Tuesday	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting Circle 2 with Judy Ferrell
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Friday	6:00 pm	Young Adult Fellowship at The Homeplace
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

Inclement weather policy for Sunday Morning Services:

Russ will make the decision to cancel church services due to inclement weather. Russ will notify WSL-10 and WDBJ-7 to announce a cancellation of services. He will also notify Judy Ferrell so that she can send out an email to those who are current on the the Northminster email distribution list. If you have an email address and : not currently receiving the Northminster emails, please let Judy (ferrells6@cox.net) know so that you can be added to the list.

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Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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 Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
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 Snid

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

