

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 772 *Live into Hope*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers
Stan Lanford, Tom and Jane Olsen, Dave Snider

Acolyte
Abbie Caldwell, Skyler Hayes

OUR SERMON SERIES ENTITLED “CREDO: WHAT WE BELIEVE” is based on the essential tenets of the Apostle’s Creed and continues for several weeks. The sermons will focus on the basic beliefs found in our common statement of faith. Come join us each week as together we explore and learn more of our Christian doctrine.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*August Twentieth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

Gary Whittmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(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 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace light, and grace.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.

**Congregants: This is the day the Lord has made,
and we rejoice and find gladness in it.**

Minister: Sing out with joy, all the earth!

**Congregants: We come into His presence
with hearts overflowing with praise.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God of sights and sounds and truths and wonders,
we praise You for the laughter of children,
for the sweet smell of new-mown grass
and of summer rain on hot pavement.
We rejoice in the abundance of flowers
and fullness of trees and majesty of mountains.**

**Our God, You have made it all good,
and have given it to us to enjoy.
Receive us now, in worship and thanksgiving.
Hear our humble prayers and our hungering hearts.
Renew us for life in Your wonderful world.
Through Christ, the greatest of gifts, we pray.
Amen.**

* HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in Your presence we confess
our failure to be what You created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
By Your grace and mercy,
help us to live in Your light
and abide in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Minister: The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!
Congregants: Praise God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 32:1-7

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵ Then I acknowledged my

sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* ⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

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.

MUSIC VOLUNTARY

Owen Merritt, Russ Merritt, Tom Hale, Bob Bielawski

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON John 8:1-11

¹while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' ⁶They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' ⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' ¹¹She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

THE SERMON

CREDO: THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*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.

Announcements

Ushers for August 27, 2017 – Emily Allen, Holly Woodson

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with Emery and Ruth St. Cyr, following the death of Emery's sister, Phyllis Richardson.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with Bill and Lois Waddell, following the death of Bill's sister, Jean Waddell Cregger.

Please get Newsletter items for the September/October Newsletter to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Thursday, August 24th.

Northminster's worship services will return to the regular start time @ 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 3, 2017. This is the beginning of our new Church year. The new Sunday School year will begin at 9:45 A.M. on Sunday, September 10th. We hope everyone has had a great summer!!

Our Homecoming/75th anniversary celebration is drawing near. We still need pictures from you from past activities at the church. Only two persons have loaned us pictures. We want this to be a wonderful celebration for our members and guests. In addition, if you have anyone you want to invite to the celebration, we need those names and addresses also. The deadline for sharing the names and addresses is August 23rd. The invitations will be mailed shortly after this date. If you have any pictures, name and addresses, please get them to Judy Ferrell by August 23rd. Name and addresses can be emailed to ferrells6@cox.net. You can leave the pictures in an envelope in the church office. Please put your name on the back of the picture so we can get them back to you. Please mark October 1 on your calendar for this celebration that God has blessed us with.

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.

"Devotional booklets and daily scripture reading guides can be found in the hallway outside the fellowship hall in the new wall racks and on the table. Current and past copies of devotional booklets including, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* are available. Please help yourself to any of these excellent publications."

The 2017 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Calendar

Today	10:30 am	Summer Worship
Thursday	5:30 pm	Mission Study Task Force
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	10:30 am 11:30 am	Summer Worship Session Meeting

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Lois Hopkins	Rose Howard	Atwood Huff
Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile	Jace Newman
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

Friends and Family

Hayley Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
Jenny Kirk and her sister-in-law
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 Eswoon, Barry Ferrell, Jerry Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace

Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Pymale, Summer Worship

Holly Woodson

