

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers

Emily Allen, Margie Cundiff, Cameron O'Conner, Sarah Plymale

Acolyte

Mia Esworthy, Kaylee O'Conner

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 Twenty Seventh the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124; Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8

(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: Give thanks to the Lord God, for he is good!

Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: We present ourselves as a living sacrifice.

**Congregants: We come now to praise, to learn,
to thank, and to serve.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
of Miriam and Moses, of David and Solomon,
God of Isaiah and Jeremiah and Elijah,
of all disciples and apostles,
missionaries and evangelists,
God of each of us in our own calling and serving,
You alone are our strength from age to age.**

**Be with us now in our worship,
transform us by Your Holy Spirit,
and make of us the true Body of Christ,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of hope and glory,
through Christ hear our prayers of confession,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Hostility rages and battles continue,
in our world and in our hearts.
We yield to suspicions, to guilt, to anger, to fear,
and our envy and greed create broken relationships.
We know that Christ has come to create new life,
yet we confess that we continue to cling to old ways.
Have mercy upon us, we pray,
and make our hearts clean again.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)
Minister: Remember that you are chosen by Christ,
who has reconciled you with God, presenting you
as holy, blameless, and redeemed. In Christ,
you 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 Isaiah 48:17-22

¹⁷ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go. ¹⁸ O that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your prosperity would have been like a river, and your success like the waves of the sea; ¹⁹ your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me. ²⁰ Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, 'The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!' ²¹ They did not thirst when

he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split open the rock and the water gushed out. ²² 'There is no peace', says the Lord, 'for the wicked.'

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

Sheila Lancaster and Bob Bielawski

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-11

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope
of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that
suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died
for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good
person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still
were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we
were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled,
will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE SERMON

CREDO: THE LIFE EVERLASTING

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 625

How Great Thou Art

*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 September 3, 2017 – Emily Allen
Communion Servers – Emily Allen, Greg and Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with Don and Sandy Smith, following the death of Don's sister, Jane Smith Bently

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.

THE SESSION WILL MEET this morning following the worship service.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP In the Northminster family, you are invited to attend this meeting.

WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE NEXT SUNDAY (September 3), with worship set for 11:00, and continuing throughout the school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, at 9:45 am. We have several classes to choose from this year.
Nursery and Noah's Ark is led by Alice Baker and Lauren Godsey. This is for newborns through preschool.
Kidvid will meet **during the church service** and be led by parent volunteers. This class is for kids from K-3rd grade. Parents can bring their kids into church or take them into the nursery. After the Children's sermon, the kids will leave the sanctuary to sing with Melissa and have their Sunday school. The class will consist of a short video followed by a discussion of lessons learned from the video.

Mini Missions is a class for fourth grade – 12th grade led by Emily Allen. Mini missions will focus on exploring the Bible with hands on learning.

LIVING THE FAITH: Russ Merritt will lead this class. The fall Sunday school class for adults will feature both classroom discussions and special presentations by the Minster, with each class built around relevant case studies on real-world issues where faith plays an important role. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, and how it speaks to everyday situations and circumstances.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between 10:30 and 11:00 on September 10th as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year. We will recognize our teachers and their students during the worship service that day.

The August P.W. Meeting has been rescheduled for September 19th.

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 11:30 am	Summer Worship Session Meeting
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion

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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 Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)
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 Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace
Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Plymale,
Holly Woodson

