

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

Prayer after Communion

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

We welcome C.W. Markham, and thank him for the music today.

Ushers

Emily Allen, Sarah Godsey, Stan Lanford, Susan Lockard

Communion Servers

Emily Allen, Sarah Godsey, Stan Lanford, Dave Snider, Holly Woodson

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 Sixth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21; Matthew 14:13-21

(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: This is God's day, and we gather here as His people.

Congregants: Let us come into His house with thanksgiving.

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts with gladness and praise.

Congregants: Let us worship His name forever and ever.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**We have been blessed by You through the evening,
and now we greet You in the morning, O God,
as those who are enfolded in Your arms
and blessed by Your many gifts.**

**We praise You for Your tender mercies
and for Your faithful and loving kindnesses.**

Now we gather to worship You

**and to glorify Your holy presence.
Be with us, fill our hearts and our spirits
and make of us true disciples,
through the grace of Your Son, Jesus,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**O Lord our God, we have sinned before You,
and we come now seeking Your forgiveness.
We have not loved You, our Father,
as You have loved us.
Forgive us for every act of betrayal,
every failure to be kind and gracious,
every gratification of self,
and every blindness to the needs of others.
Come and dwell in us
with Your Spirit of generosity and compassion,
that the world might be blessed
with what You have given to us.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Christ was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities.
God has laid on him the chastisement of our peace.
and by his stripes we are healed.
I declare now to you that God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
has forgiven our sins. 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 II Corinthians 2:14-17

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶to the one a

fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE SERMON CREDO: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*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

*THE DOXOLOGY

Announcements

Ushers for August 13, 2017 – Dave Snider, Ray Williams, Greg Theimer

Eloise Dungan wants to thank her church family for all the visits, calls, and cards you have showed. Northminster is a special place.

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards you've sent me. They have been an encouragement. Also, we have appreciated the food and your prayers. The healing has taken longer than we expected but is improving. Love Ruth and Em St.Cyr

New address for Chloe Lockard: Chloe Lockard 990 N. Royal St. Alexandria, Va. 22314

In case you are wondering about the boxes standing near the Northminster sign- they are Little Free Libraries. The Mission Committee has bought and put together these "little libraries" and they were decorated by the children who attended Vacation Bible School. One library is for children and the other one for adults. We are hoping to reach out to our surrounding neighbors through this project. Anyone can take a book, read it and then return it. If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate please bring them to the church and place them in the secretary's office.

We have another wheelchair available "thanks" to Reggie and Margie Lemon. So if the need arises please feel free to request use of the wheelchair. Thank you Reggie and Margie.

Our Summer Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM, starting on June 4th and continue through August 31st, No Sunday School classes during these months.

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!!

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 / Communion
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 am	Circle 1 Friendship Manor Resident Center
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	10:30 am	Summer Worship

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Minister Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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	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