

**We believe that God is Love,  
and all who seek to live in divine love  
are born of God and know God.  
We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God  
and in him we have life now and forever.  
We believe that as God loves each of us in Christ,  
so we are called to love one another.  
We believe that salvation and glory and power  
belong to God, Who reigns forever and ever.  
Amen!**

THE OFFERTORY

*The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## **GO FAITHFULLY**

\*HYMN 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book  
\*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers*

*John and Lee Ann Kabana, Allen Kling, Bob Newman*

*The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God and to remember on her 113th birthday the beautiful life of Obelia Gross Camper who loved the Lord, her family, and the children she taught.*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*February Twelfth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Seventeen*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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## **GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9

(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 63 *As with gladness Men of Old*

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember,  
and turn to the Lord.

**Congregants: All the families of the nations  
shall worship before Him.**

Minister: For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and He alone is sovereign over all.

**Congregants: He rules over the nations,  
in justice and for peace.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of all times and all seasons,  
God of all worlds, this and beyond,  
God of splashing oceans and towering mountains,**

**God of our lives, of birth and death  
and all the moments between,  
we come this morning in praise and wonder,  
seeking to find Your path and to know Your Will.  
Tune our voices and our hearts and our spirits  
to commune with Your Holy Spirit,  
that we might rightly worship You  
and worthily magnify Your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN 408 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**Our God, we bow before You to confess our sins.  
You have shown us only love and forgiveness,  
but too often we have not lived in that love.  
We have known envy, resentment, and hatred.  
We have not turned the other cheek,  
we have not gone the extra mile.  
We have cared for our own interests,  
and have ignored the needs of others.  
Forgive us yet again, we pray.  
Let the spirit of Christ be renewed within us.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

\* HYMN 68 *What Star is This, with Beams So Bright* (Verse 4)  
To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spi-rit, Three in one, May every tongue and nation  
raise An endless song of thankful praise.

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>5</sup>Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ <sup>6</sup>He said

further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ <sup>12</sup>He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

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.**

ANTHEM

*Walk in the Light*

arr. Andre Thomas

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND LESSON I John 3:11, 14-18

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup>All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. <sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister\* in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

THE SERMON

BEING CALLED

Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)  
**We believe that God is Spirit,  
and so we worship Him in spirit and in truth.  
We believe that God is light,  
and if we walk in His light,  
we have fellowship with one another.**

## Announcements

W. D. HASTY WILL BE OUR GUEST PREACHER next Sunday while the Minister is away.

Ushers for February 19, 2017 – Matt and Susan Graybill, Ann Pace, Dave Snider

We thank our Northminster family for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to our family in recent days upon the death of our father, Bill Hale. Your presence at the visitation/service, calls, cards, food and prayers are deeply appreciated. Also, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Russ Merritt for his pastoral care during our time of grief. We are blessed to share our Christian faith with such caring folks! Tom and Hope Hale

The CE Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed delicious soup for our Souper Bowl Sunday. We also want to thank Mia Esworthy, Abby Caldwell, Kaylee O'Conner and Audrey Hayes for helping to set up, make sandwiches, and serve soup.

\$105 was donated at our Souper Bowl lunch last Sunday. Fifty-seven dollars will be given to The Presbyterian Center. We want to thank all the people that donated cash and cans of soup. Frankie Bielawski took 118 cans of soup, 26 boxes of crackers, and 4 boxes of Little Debbie cakes to the LOA for the Soup for Seniors program. Thanks Frankie for volunteering your time on this worthwhile project.

**FEBRUARY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP OUTING- We are going bowling today, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop Lanes on Williamson Road from 2:45 -5:00 pm. Bowling starts at 3:00, but get there by 2:45 so we can get our shoes and get ready! The cost is \$10 per person which includes the bowling and shoe rental. See Margie Cundiff if you have questions and would like to attend. You can bring your kids if you want. And bring a friend too!!**

"Our first Hunger Busters collection for the year is underway. Bags are available in the Narthex and we ask that they be returned next Sunday, February 19th. Remember to include the receipt and, as always, this food drive benefits the Presbyterian Center. Critical needs are protein based items such as peanut butter & jelly, tuna fish, spam, and any breakfast cereal."

There will be a Congregational meeting held on February 26, 2017 during the morning worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of electing 5 members to the 2017 Nominating Committee. They shall include 2 Ruling Elders, one member from the Women of the Church and two at large members.

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.

ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE ENCOURAGED to sit towards the front of the sanctuary, to help build a truly worshipping community with everyone gathered together in praise.

Inclement weather policy for Sunday Morning Services:

Russ will make the decision to cancel church services due to inclement weather. He will notify WSLS-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 currently on the the Northminster email distribution list. If you have an email address and are not currently receiving the Northminster emails, please let Judy ([ferrells6@cox.net](mailto:ferrells6@cox.net)) know so that you can be added to the list.

## Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 2:45 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Young Adult Fellowship Outing
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1 will meet at the Church
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

### 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	Stan Lanford
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)

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#### 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