

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5:38-48

(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 *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: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Congregants: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Minister: You shall be holy, for the Lord
your God is holy.

**Congregants: You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.**

Minster: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God most holy,
in Jesus Christ You have laid a foundation
upon which to build our lives.
Help us to follow Your perfect law of love,
so that we may fulfill it
and observe it to the end.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**All-loving God, You know the secrets of our hearts
even when they are a puzzle to us.
We confess that sin is in us and through us,
and without Your mercy we are lost.
We are spiritually rebellious, disobedient,
and too often without love in our hearts.
Forgive us as we repent of our sins,
and give us wholeness in Your Kingdom.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; your righteousness give me life.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Martin Ho

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled mason and builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', ²⁰ and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' ²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephalus or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

THE SERMON

DIGGING THE FOOTINGS

W.D. Ha

Holly Woodson

Thanks to Mary Simpson who has donated a wheelchair to the church. We now have two available for anyone with this need. Thanks again Mary.

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.

"Our first Hunger Busters collection for the year is underway. Bags are available in the Narthex and we ask that they be returned today 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."

Please get Newsletter items for the March/April Newsletter to Debbie Newman at dneustamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, February 22nd.

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.

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 on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. 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.

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.

"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

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 current 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) know so that you can be added to the list.

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

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Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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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)

*THE SESSION *
Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

