

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 2; II Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

(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 *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: We await our Savior.

We gather and with open eyes behold him.

**Congregants: We receive strength
from Him for the living of these days.**

Minister: God's glory shines forth
in the face of Christ.

**Congregants: His splendor is unfading,
the power of his love is undiminished.**

Minister: In all his glory, Christ is here!
Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God of the covenant,
God of light and God of life,
the cloud of Your splendor
and the fire of Your love
reveal Your presence to us.**

**As Christ shone in majesty on the mountainside,
so may Your glory shine in and through us.**

**Transform our lives in his image,
write Your law of love in our hearts,
and strengthen us for Your work,
so that we might lead others to You.**

Through the glorified Christ we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, have mercy upon us

choosing to hide from Your truth.

**Speak to us again, let us hear Your voice,
and dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Hear the good news: through the glory of Jesus Christ,
we can approach the throne of grace with boldness,
for there we receive mercy and forgiveness.
Praise be to God!

* HYMN *What Star is This, with Beams So Bright*

To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spi-rit, Three in one, Ma
every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹When Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, he would tell the Israelites what he had been commanded. ³⁵When the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and whenever Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the Lord.

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 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.

HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Ushers

John and Lee Ann Kabana, Sarah Plymale, Holly Woodson

Announcements

Ushers for March 5, 2017 – Emily Allen, Cameron O’Conner, Kaylee O’Conner, Sarah Plymale
Communion Servers – Ann Pace, Bob Newman

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.

There will be a Congregational meeting held today 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.

Thanks to Boy Scout 26 and everyone who participated in the winter Hunger Busters. We delivered 34 bags to the always grateful staff at the Presbyterian Community Center.

The Presbytery reports for February 18th can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke is continuing their Edmunds Lecture series on March 19-20th. This year, Eric Wall will be the speaker. Mr. Wall was Music Director at First Presbyterian in Asheville, NC where he was known for incorporating tradition with innovation. Eric now teaches Music and Worship at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His lectures are titled “Big Bang Theories: Music’s Theological Work” and “Our Town: Church Song’s Bards and Bartenders”. More information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

There will be a Spiritual Growth Weekend on April 28-29 at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. Carl McColman will be the speaker. Mr. McColman is the author of several books on Christian spirituality. He is passionate about helping Christians find greater joy and purpose in their faith through the practice of daily prayer. More information is located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The Young Adult Fellowship is planning on going to dinner at the Homeplace on April 7th at 6:00 p.m. Child care will be provided at the church beginning at 5:15 p.m. We are in need of adults willing to help with childcare. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Kirby at 588-1782 or lynn@lanfordbros.com.

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 outside of the church office. 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 WORSIPPERS ARE ENCOURAGED to sit in the front of the

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.

Inclement weather policy for Sunday Morning Services:
Russ will make the decision to cancel church services due to inclement weather. He will notify WSL-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
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion

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Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

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

