

*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

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Frederik Mehtens

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 10 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

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

Ushers

Greg and Margie Cundiff, Jyke Jones, Ann Pace

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*January Fifteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

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, from Micah 6:6-8)

Minister: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

Congregants: God has told us what is good.

Minister: What does the Lord require of us?

**Congregants: To do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Holy God, good beyond all that is good,
fair and kind beyond all that is fair and kind,
in You alone is peace, and joy, and hope.**

**As we come before You in worship,
heal all that might divide us from one another,
and bring us to a unity of love
bearing likeness to Your divine nature.
Through the embrace of love,
make us one in the Holy Spirit.
We ask this through the grace, mercy, and brotherhood
of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(from Dionysius of Alexandria, around 300 AD)

* HYMN 67 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess
that we have tried to hide from You,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You.
We have turned away from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed.
In Your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
so that we may choose Your Will
and obey Your commandments.
Hear these our silent prayers.**
(from the Presbyterian “Book of Common Worship”)

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Hear the Good News, that is of great joy:
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
May the God of mercy, Who forgives all your sins,
strengthen you in goodness, give you peace,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen!

* HYMN 68 *What Star is This, with Beams So Bright*
What star is this, with beams so bright, More lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce
a newborn King, Glad tidings of our God to bring.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Nicolai/Bach

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

THE SERMON CHOSEN Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 70 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

Announcements

Ushers for January 22, 2017 -

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember **Amai and Amari Newman Gilliard** who were presented for baptism by their mother, Brett Newman on January 11, 2015. Celebrating with them are their grandparents, Bob and Debbie Newman along with Aunt and Uncle Jeremy & Kristin Newman. May we all remember the promise we made to help guide Amai and Amari as they grow in the Christian faith.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with The Schilling family, following the death of Norman Schilling, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Norman's heavenly welcome.

Please get Newsletter items for the January/February Newsletter to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, January 18th.

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 Office.

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

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Wednesday	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting

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 Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)
Mike Duckworth – (brother-in-law of Holly Woodson)

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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

