

*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

Your Only Son (Lamb of God)

Twila Paris

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

(Insert)

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book

*Indicates the People Standing

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

January Twenty second the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Seventeen

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 49:1-7; I Corinthians 1:10-18

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF JOHN KABANA

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: O give thanks to the Lord, and call on His name.

Congregants: Make known His mighty deeds among all the people.

Minister: Sing to Him, sing praises to His glory.

Congregants: Let us tell the world of all His wonderful works.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

O God of sunrise and sunset, and all the hours of every day,

let this now be an hour of sunrise in our hearts,

when You make our lives new and full of Your presence.

Drive away the shadows of discouragement

and the clouds of doubt and despair.

**Raise our spirits up from lethargy and weariness.
Clothe us in joy and anticipation for this new day,
when we shall hear Your Word and sing Your praises,
and seek together to walk in the path of Jesus,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open,
we confess that we have fallen short of Your Will for us.
We have eaten our fill without concern for the hungry.
We have lived in warmth and security
without thinking of those out in the cold.
We have prayed and known the comfort of our faith
without sharing Your love and Your Word with others.
Forgive us, we pray, and give us the mind of Christ.
Make us sensitive to the needs of this world,
and servants of our Lord.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
God's forgiveness is as everlasting as all the ages,
His mercy is as wide as the seas.
Surely He forgives all our iniquities,
and He restores a right spirit within us.
Through Christ, we are made new. Amen.

* 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 Psalm 27:1, 4-8

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴ One thing asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek
his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

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 *Brightest and Best of the sons of the morning* Malcolm Archer

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks
ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with
water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit
descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the
one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and
remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified
that this is the Son of God.' ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two
disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them
following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which
translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They
came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four
o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the
Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and
said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

THE SERMON WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 377 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Announcements

THE SESSION WILL MEET for its regular monthly meeting following the worship service today.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in the morning worship on February 5.

Join us Sunday, February 5th after church for our Souper Bowl. We will gather for a lunch of delicious soups and sandwiches. If you are interested in bringing soup for our lunch, please contact Ann Pace at 540-815-9247. We are also collecting cans of soup to be donated to PCC or Soup for Seniors.

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the Joy Gift Program. A delicious lunch, the children's play, Santa's appearance and a collection of \$496.00 made for a wonderful day! The parents of the nursery children presented Russ, Alice Baker, and Lauren Godsey with a canvas of the nativity based on the hands and feet of the children. See the one on display on the table in the narthax.

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 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	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 Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
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