

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31

(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: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Congregants: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Minister: What does the Holy One require of us?

**Congregants: To do what is just, to show mercy,
and to live in humble fellowship with our God.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Holy God, our Deliverer and Protector,
You stand with the meek and the poor,
and You console those who mourn.
You call us to walk humbly with You,
and to follow Your path for life.
When we are lost, be our wisdom.
When we are weak, be our strength.
Help us to learn to do what is just,
and to show mercy and forgiveness,
for we seek to live to Your glory,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**The path You give us, O God,
is a hard one to follow, and we often stray.
We are called to loosen the bonds of injustice,
to relieve the burden of the oppressed,
to share our bread with the hungry,
to welcome the refugee and to shelter the homeless.**

*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, Ma
every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Micah 6:6-8

⁶ ‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before G
on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calve
year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with t
of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for
transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ ⁸ He l
told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require
you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly w
your God?

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. T
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 forg
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us fr
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glo
forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

We Are Called

David Ha

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘Y
brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to con
⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourself
“We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able fr
these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe
lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not b
good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ ¹⁰ And the crow
asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹ In reply he said to the
‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; a
whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to
baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He s
to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for yo
¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said
them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusati

lunch of delicious soups and sandwiches.

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.

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.

Just a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes from the Stated Session Meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc. can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

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 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 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
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion

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Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
Susie Tallmage, Secretary
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

Class of 2017: Lynn Kirby, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill, Bob Newman, Dave Snid
Class of 2018: Dana Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace
Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Plymale,

