

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers

Jyke Jones, John and Lee Ann Kabana, Susan Lockard

Acolyte

Abbie Caldwell, Skyler Hayes

A NEW SERMON SERIES ENTITLED "CREDO : WHAT WE BELIEVE" based on the essential tenets of the Apostle's Creed, is being offered throughout the summer. Through the next several weeks, our sermons will focus on the basic beliefs found in our common statement of faith. Come join us each week as together we explore and learn more of our Christian doctrine.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*July Sixteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Romans 8:1-11

(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 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace light, and grace.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: In the beginning was the Word---

Congregants: ---the wonderful, indescribable Word of God!

Minister: The Word became flesh in the man Jesus.

Congregants: He bore our sins on the cross.

Minister: He was raised in glory and grace.

Congregants: Let us praise his name in song and prayer.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

We greet You in the morning, O God,

as those who have been enfolded in Your arms

and held in Your strength throughout the night.

We praise You for Your tender mercies

and for Your loving kindnesses,

**for Your faithfulness to all generations
and for Your holy presence with us now.
As we gather to worship You, to give You praise,
to glorify You in the name of Your Son Jesus,
give us Your Holy Spirit, to open our hearts
to all You give and all we can serve.
Through the grace of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Lord God Almighty, forgive our many transgressions.
We have sinned in word, in thought, in deed.
We have said things we ought not to have said
and withheld praise when it should have been given.
We have thought that which is unkind and unholy,
and have failed to focus on peace, grace, and hope.
We have busied ourselves with self-serving matters
and have neglected that which You call us to do.
So we come now to ask Your mercy and forgiveness.
Heal our brokenness, and give us lives made new.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.
His mercy is as wide as the seas.
His grace is as high as the highest of mountains.
Surely in Christ He forgives our iniquities,
and He will restore a right spirit within us.
Praise be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in
heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or
rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all
things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the

beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood
of his cross.

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.**

MUSIC VOLUNTARY

Jeff Midkiff

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Mark 8:27-30

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked
his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and
others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I
am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone
about him.

THE SERMON

Dr. Russ Merritt

CREDO: JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*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

*THE DOXOLOGY

Announcements

Ushers for July 23, 2017 –

MANY THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VBS TEAM for the outstanding program at our annual Vacation Bible School. Under Lynn Kirby's leadership, the entire program was blessed!

We have another wheelchair available "thanks" to Reggie and Margie Lemon. So if the need arises please feel free to request use of the wheelchair. Thank you Reggie and Margie.

Our Summer Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM, starting on June 4th and continue through August 31st, No Sunday School classes during these months.

Northminster Presbyterian is celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2017. The worship committee is planning a homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 1st with a special service and luncheon to follow the service. If you have a special person you want to be invited, please give the name and address to Judy Ferrell. When we have finalized the plans, we will let everyone know!!

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.

"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.

Calendar

Today	10:30 am	Summer Worship
Next Sunday	10:30 am	Summer Worship

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Betty Hinkle	Lois Hopkins	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile
Jace Newman	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens
George Wingeier	Shirley Wynn	

Friends and Family

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)
Jenny Kirk and her sister-in-law
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 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

