

\*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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving / 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.**

Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer after Communion

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

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

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 30; Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23  
(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: Call upon the Lord! I asked for help,  
and I was healed!

**Congregants: We asked for freedom,  
and the Lord heard our pleas and answered us.**  
Minister: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful!  
Give thanks to God's holy name.

**Congregants: God turned our mourning into dancing,  
and He has clothed us with joy!**  
Minister: O Lord our God, we will always  
give You thanks!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)  
**Ruler of the universe,  
You call us to loyalty and commitment  
to Your Will and Your Word, beyond all earthly claim.**

**Grant us strength of serve You  
as people who have been raised from death to life.  
Your love stands firm, and Your mercy  
is always abundant.  
Be with us now in our worship,  
and might we know Your presence.  
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

\* HYMN 331      *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, You see us truly,  
including all the ways we have failed and missed the mark.  
We come to You in hope of being restored and healed.  
We have walked with our heads held high,  
without noticing others and their burdens.  
We are even blinded to our own!  
We keep our mouths silenced when we could speak  
about the wonderful things You have done for us.  
Our actions and deeds do not match  
what we say we believe,  
as we do little to overcome the evils of this world.  
Fill us with Your peace and Your mercy.  
Free us from the destruction of our failures,  
and restore us to a life lived in You.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Friends, believe in the good news for all people:

In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us.

Let us praise His name!

\*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 Acts 4:1-7, 13-22, 5:27-29

<sup>1</sup>While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, <sup>2</sup>much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>So they arrested them and put them in custody

until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. <sup>14</sup>When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup>So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. <sup>16</sup>They said, ‘What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.’ <sup>18</sup>So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered them, ‘Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; <sup>20</sup>for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.’ <sup>21</sup>After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup>For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority

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.**

THE SECOND LESSON Mark 12:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>And they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup>Should we pay them, or should we not?’ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, ‘Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.’ <sup>16</sup>And they brought one. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were utterly amazed at him.

THE SERMON

PATRIOT’S DREAM

Dr. Russ Merritt

*Ushers*  
*Tom and Hope Hale, Lynn Kirby, Stan Lanford*

*Communion Servers*  
*Judy Ferrell, Tom and Hope Hale, Lynn Kirby, Stan Lanford*

### Announcements

Ushers for July 9, 2017 – Greg and Margie Cundiff, Jyke Jones, Holly Woodson

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its deepest love and sympathies to the family of David Wood, who entered the gates of heaven this past week. May God's peace be with Shirley and other family members and friends.

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

Join us from Sunday, July 9- Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> for our Vacation Bible School. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, we will provide chicken and ask everyone to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Dinner will start at 5:30 with Bible school starting around 6. This year's theme is Created by God. Please make plans to join us. If you are willing to help, let Lynn Kirby know.

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!!

### Calendar

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

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary                              Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

### Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

#### Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Tom Hale	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Lois Hopkins
Rose Howard	Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff
Jim Maile	Jace Newman	Mac Pace
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