

*Indicates the People Standing

We welcome C.W. Markham, and thank him for the music today.

*Ushers
Greg and Margie Cundiff, Jyke Jones, Holly Woodson*

*Acolyte
Audrey Hayes*

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

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 45:10-17; Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a

(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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: Who will save us from the ways

of evil and death?

Congregants: Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

We rejoice as we gather before You, our God,

for in Jesus Christ You have revealed Yourself

as God of compassion and peace and forgiveness.

In his saving presence we find wisdom and strength,

hope for tomorrow, guidance for today.

Teach us to learn of his ways, to take up his yoke,

**and to follow where he leads, all our days.
Through his grace and mercy we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God our Father, Author of all that is good,
we confess that we have failed to follow and obey.
We have cared more about ourselves than Your world.
We have sought our own comfort while others suffer.
We have transgressed Your holy laws.
We have prayed too little, rejoiced too seldom,
given thanks too half-heartedly.
Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with Your Spirit,
that our spirits might always hunger for You.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Christ died for our sins, the godly one for us ungodly.
In him we find our forgiveness.
He hears our prayers and restores us anew.
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 Psalm 14:1-7
¹ Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. ² The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. ³ They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord? ⁵ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. ⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. ⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

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 CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-22
⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.
²¹ Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. ²² I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

THE SERMON WHAT WE BELIEVE: I BELIEVE IN GOD Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 442 *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

*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

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

A NEW SERMON SERIES ENTITLED “WHAT WE BELIEVE”, based on the essential tenets of the Apostle’s Creed, begins today. 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.

Announcements

Ushers for July 16, 2017 – Jyke Jones, John and Lee Ann Kabana, Susan Lockard

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday July 11th at 11:30 at the Friendship Manor Resident Center (corner of Florist and Hershberger).

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.

Join us from Sunday, July 9- Tuesday, July 11th for our Vacation Bible School. On July 9th, 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!!

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 5:30 pm	Summer Worship Vacation Bible School
Monday	5:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	11:30 am 5:30 pm	Circle 1 Friendship Manor Resident Center Vacation Bible School
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	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

