

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers

Allen Kling, Lynn Kirby, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Acolytes

Abbie Caldwell, Skyler Hayes

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*June Eighteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

(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, from Psalm 46)

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Congregants: Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth be changed,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted throughout the earth.

**Congregants: The Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Minster: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**You alone are our Refuge and Strength, O God.
Before the sun rises, the birds sing Your praise.**

**The hours that follow give witness
to Your countless deeds of grace and mercy.
As evening falls, the sun sets as a reminder
that You continue to watch over us.
With darkness comes the promise
that You will greet us as we meet the new day.
Throughout each moment You know our needs,
and heed our heart's yearnings
through the good times and the bad.
We give You all glory and praise
as we come now to worship You,
in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Our heavenly Father, we confess
that we are sinners and fall short of Your glory.
We are idle when we should be active.
We listen to gossip more than we listen to Gospel.
When called to serve in Your work
we have excuses rather than excitement.
We hesitate rather than hasten to obey Your Word.
Help us to be mindful of Your presence,
and quick to offer deeds of discipleship.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
In God's divine mercy, He knows our sins
yet washes us clean through the blood of Christ.
As we repent, and give ourselves again to Him,
we have eternal salvation. Praise 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through

the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—' ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Bob Bielawski and Tom Hale

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

THE SERMON

DO NOT FEAR

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*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

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember **James Brandon and Logan Pace** who were presented for baptism by their parents, Angie and Alan on June 17, 2012. Celebrating with them are their grandparents, Mac and Ann Pace. It is our hope that Angie and Alan have felt the prayers of the church in raising Brandon and Logan in the Christian faith.

The family of Nancy Maile would like to thank everyone for all their cards, food, phone calls and prayers. Reggie and Margie appreciate all the love and concern shown to Nancy and Jimmy. Also, for the constant well wishes for Margie and Reggie.

Ushers for June 25, 2017 – Allen Kling, Lynn Kirby, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

We want to thank Dana Esworthy for helping the youth put together our Youth Sunday on June 4th. It is always nice to have the youth share their love of God and their many talents with our congregation.

We are unable to locate our Coffee Pot Urn, if you have borrowed it can you please return it back to the Church.

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	Summer Worship
Next Sunday	10:30 am 12:15 pm	Summer Worship Session Meeting

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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	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Jim 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 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