

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers*

*Allen Kling, Lynn Kirby, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

*Acolytes*

*Mia Esworthy, Kaylee O'Conner*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*June Twenty fifth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-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: We shall praise You, O Lord,  
with all our hearts.

**Congregants: Gladly will we sing and pray  
to You!**

Minister: We shall bow down in Your holy  
sanctuary.

**Congregants: For Your love and Your  
faithfulness we will praise Your name!**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of power, God of creation,  
God of salvation, God of grace,  
God of compassion, God of forgiveness,  
In Jesus Christ You set us free**

**from sin and self-serving,  
from fear and death.  
Through Christ's Holy Spirit You call us  
to the life of faith and service,  
the life of hope and joy.  
Give us grace to follow where he leads  
and to use the gifts of Your Spirit  
for the work of Your Kingdom,  
for we pray through Your blessed name.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 667                      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**We confess, O God, that we have failed.  
We have failed to be the Body of Christ.  
We have failed to find unity with those  
who differ from us.  
We have failed to build a fellowship of love  
and a community of faith.  
We have failed to use the gifts of Your Spirit  
to bring peace and joy and hope to others.  
And yet it is in our hearts to be Your people,  
to be Your disciples, to be Your Church.  
Forgive us, heal us, re-mold us, make us new,  
and wash us clean yet again,  
for we pray through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

\*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 22:22-31

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise  
you: <sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup> For he  
did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard

when I cried to him. <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay  
before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise  
the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the  
Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the  
Lord, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve  
him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet  
unborn, saying that he has done it.

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 Ephesians 1:3-10

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every  
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the  
world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children  
through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace  
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the  
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all  
wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good  
pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in  
him, things in heaven and things on earth.

THE SERMON

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 738

*O Master, Let Me 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.**

## Announcements

Ushers for July 2, 2017 – Tom and Hope Hale, Lynn Kirby, Stan Lanford  
Communion Servers – Lynn Kirby, Stan Lanford

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.

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.

Please get Newsletter items for the July/August Newsletter to Debbie Newman at [dnewstamp4u@cox.net](mailto:dnewstamp4u@cox.net) by Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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!!

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

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Russ Merritt, Interim Minister	Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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)  
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

