

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 169 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

MSB refers to yellow Memorial Song Book
*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.*

*Ushers
Emily Allen, Cameron O'Conner, Kaylee O'Conner, Sarah Plymale*

*Communion Servers
Barry and Judy Ferrell, John Kabana, Ann Pace, Bob Newman*

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

*March Fifth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

First Sunday of Lent

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19

(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 227 *Jesus, Remember Me* (sung twice)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when you come
into your kingdom.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Congregants: He is slow to anger, and is abounding in love.

Minister: Even in our sin and brokenness,
we find our home in Him.

Congregants: In Christ alone we know our salvation.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

God of grace and glory,

we praise Your great Name

and we worship You as Creator of all.

Be with us in this hour and in this place

as we turn to You for guidance,

for strength, for peace, for hope.

Help us to shake off all distractions

and to turn our hearts and minds

**to give You praise and to follow You.
Through Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 165 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Our heavenly Father, forgive us.
Our faith is failing, our discipleship delinquent,
our commitment too often cowardly.
We take the easy road spiritually,
even as it leads away from You.
We need Your help, but we are afraid to ask.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord of grace.
Renew our spirits, and restore our souls.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

* HYMN 551 *Lord, Have Mercy*
(The choir will introduce the hymn)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. ¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *The True and Living Bread* David Blackwell

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

THE SERMON FOR THOSE WHO STAY 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.

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

Congregational Hymn 518 *Your Only Son*

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Ushers for March 12, 2017 – Sarah Godsey, Bob Newman, Sarah Plymale

Thanks to Boy Scout 26 and everyone who participated in the winter Hunger Busters. We delivered 34 bags to the always grateful staff at the Presbyterian Community Center.

Thanks to Mary Simpson who has donated a wheelchair to the church. We now have two available for anyone with this need. Thanks again Mary.

Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke is continuing their Edmunds Lecture series on March 19-20th. This year, Eric Wall will be the speaker. Mr. Wall was Music Director at First Presbyterian in Asheville, NC where he was known for incorporating tradition with innovation. Eric now teaches Music and Worship at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His lectures are titled “Big Bang Theories: Music’s Theological Work” and “Our Town: Church Song’s Bards and Bartenders”. More information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

There will be a Spiritual Growth Weekend on April 28-29 at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. Carl McColman will be the speaker. Mr. McColman is the author of several books on Christian spirituality. He is passionate about helping Christians find greater joy and purpose in their faith through the practice of daily prayer. More information is located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The Young Adult Fellowship is planning on going to dinner at the Homeplace on April 7th at 6:00 p.m. Child care will be provided at the church beginning at 5:15 p.m. We are in need of adults willing to help with childcare. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Kirby at 588-1782 or lynn@lanfordbros.com.

The Synod Men’s Conference will be held at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center from July 14-16. For more information, see the brochure located outside of the church office. You can also visit www.midatlanticmen.org.

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.

ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE ENCOURAGED to sit towards the front of the sanctuary, to help build a truly worshipping community with everyone gathered together in praise.

"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.

Inclement weather policy for Sunday Morning Services:

Russ will make the decision to cancel church services due to inclement weather. He will notify WSL-10 and WDBJ-7 to announce a cancellation of services. He will also notify Judy Ferrell so that she can send out an email to those who are currently on the the Northminster email distribution list. If you have an email address and are not currently receiving the Northminster emails, please let Judy (ferrells6@cox.net) know so that you can be added to the list.

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship / Communion
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Kathy Baker
Wednesday	3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Ella Guntner	Tom Hale
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Stan Lanford
Jim Maile	Nancy Maile	Jace Newman
Mac Pace	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
George Wingeier	Shirley Wynn	

Friends and Family

Hayley Guthrie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Guthrie)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

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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

