

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

*May Twenty eight the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

John 17:1-11; I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

(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 248 (Verse 1) *Hymn to Joy*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Friends, the Good Shepherd
calls us to follow.

**Congregants: The Lord of Lords and King of Kings
commands us to obey.**

Minister: The Suffering Servant lays down his life
that we might be saved.

**Congregants: The Risen Son promises us victory
over all our foes, even death itself.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God of glory,
Your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us,
died and was buried for us,**

*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 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

*The flowers today are to celebrate the birthday on May 24 of Ed Hopkins,
beloved husband and father and to glorify our God whom he loved
and served for so many years.*

Ushers

Greg and Margie Cundiff, Tom and Jane Olsen, Dave Snider

**was resurrected on the third day for us,
and ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for each of us.
Unite us with Christ and with each other,
in his service and in shared joy,
so that all Your children may be drawn
into Your bountiful dwelling.
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

* HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (Verses 1-4)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**O God, You alone discern our inmost thoughts,
You alone see our deeds done and undone,
You alone know all our failings and our sins.
We confess now our brokenness, our pride,
our spiritual weakness, and our turning from You.
Forgive us, most blessed Father,
and bring us to life in Your Kingdom again.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
The resurrection of Christ gives the world
love undimmed by any force of darkness.
It gives us the hope and assurance
of the forgiveness of God.
It promises us eternal life with him.
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!

* RESPONSE Hymn 236 (Verse 1) *The Strife is O'er*
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The
song of triumph has begun. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men

in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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.**

ANTHEM

Day of Arising

Carl Schalk

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND LESSON Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. ² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. ³ But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him. ⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. ⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, Selah ³³ O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. ³⁵ Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

THE SERMON

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

We want to recognize and appreciate our choir members for all they have contributed to the worship services this year!

Bob Bielawski
Di Brammer
Hope Hale
Tom Hale
Lynn Kirby
Sheila Lancaster
Margie Lemon
Susan Lockard
Sandy Lyle
Carolyn Reed
Karen Smith

Announcements

Ushers for June 4, 2017 – Mac and Ann Pace, The Youth
Communion Servers – Judy Ferrell, Tom and Jane Olsen

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

Looking for our 2017 Graduates! If you have a high school or college or trade school graduate the Worship Committee would like to recognize him or her. Let us know the name, graduation date, school and the plans for the future for the graduate. This information needs to be put on the Church Secretary's desk or emailed to susie@northminsterpcusa.org. We need this information by Sunday, May 28th.

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	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Meeting
Next Sunday	10:30 am	Summer Worship Youth Sunday

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Russ Merritt, Interim Minister
Susie Tallmage, Secretary

Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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
Nancy 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

