

\*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 *Give Thanks, O Christian People* Hymn 644

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers*

*Sarah and Eddie Godsey, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

*Acolytes*

*Abbie Caldwell, Audrey Hayes*

### ***THOUGHT TO CARRY HOME:***

***Our being Christians today will be limited to two things: prayer and righteous action among humans. All Christian thinking, speaking, and organizing must be born anew out of this prayer and action.***

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison***

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*November Nineteenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Thanksgiving Sunday*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; I Thessalonians 5:1-11

(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 336

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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

**Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: We come in awe and wonder before the Lord our God.

**Congregants: The presence of the Lord is at hand.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**We come this morning with praise and thanksgiving,**

**O God our Rock, our Guide, our Salvation.**

**We praise You in Your sanctuary, we praise Your mighty deeds.**

**We praise and thank You for Your wondrous gifts,**

**We praise You for Your strong hand and redeeming love.**

**We praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**and we praise You for Your presence with us through Your Spirit.**

**Be with us now in worship, and let our hearts burst forth  
in praise and thanksgiving forevermore.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for we have taken the gifts of life for granted.  
Forgive us, loving Father,  
for we do not behold with awe Your whole creation.  
Instead, we focus too much on ourselves,  
on our concerns, on our slice of life.  
Startle us again, O God,  
so that we truly see the mystery and magnificence  
of Your creation and Your love.  
Only then will our hearts  
have an endless supply of thanks and praise.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

\*ALLELUIA RESPONSE HYMN 587

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 147:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. <sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. <sup>3</sup> He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. <sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup> He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; <sup>11</sup> but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (insert)

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

*A Celebration of Faith*

arr. Patrick Liebrgen

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / CHILDRE LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

THE SERMON

"THANKSGIVING"

Russ Merritt

HYMN 647

*Give Thanks*

## Announcements

Ushers for November 26, 2017 –  
Communion Servers – Greg and Margie Cundiff, Stan Lanford

Lois Waddell would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers. I appreciate our Church family for their thoughtfulness. I am doing a lot better and continued prayer would be appreciated.

Rose Howard has a new phone number 540-400-0857.

Thanks to all the folks who brought in boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please keep these children in your prayers as we go through the Christmas season.

With Christmas around the corner, we are beginning to think about Operation Christmas Child. Boxes and labels are available for pick up in the narthex. Please note: Toothpaste and Candy are no longer accepted in the shoeboxes. Please pick up a box and fill it. You can find ideas on the website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/> or look at the label brochure. Please bring your boxes to church by November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Minister      Melissa Hudson, Music Director  
Susie Tallmage, Secretary                Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

### Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

#### Members

Bobby Brammer	Eloise Dunagan	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Lois Hopkins
Rose Howard	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Jace Newman	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens
Lois Waddell	George Wingeier	Shirley Wynn

#### Friends and Family

Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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

**Congregants: His love endures forever.**

Minister: Come, let us praise God with joy and adoration.

**Congregants: Let us come before God with our thanksgiving.**

Minister: For the good world, for things great and small,

for all that is beautiful and awesome, for seen and unseen splendors—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For human life, for talking and moving and learning together,

for thinking and playing and praying and dreaming and healing together,

for common hopes and common hardships shared from birth until death—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For work to do and tasks to accomplish and the strength to do,

for the comradeship of labor and activity and projects and achievements,

for exchanges of good humor and for encouragement given and received—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For children, for their energy and curiosity, for their discoveries,

their growth, their bold endeavors and startling frankness,

for their sudden sympathies and their unconditioned love—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For the young, for their high hopes and impossible dreams,

for their irreverence towards worn-out values and their constant challenges,

for their search for freedom and willingness to risk,

for their solemn vows and hunger for a better world—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For growing up and growing old, for experiences good and bad,

for wisdom deepened by those experiences and scars of battles won and lost,

for well-earned rest in leisure, for time made precious by its passing—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: For the Church, and this congregation called Northminster,

for our calling to be in fellowship and mission with one another,

for the Good News we receive here through Word and Sacrament,

for our life together in the lord, and through His Holy Spirit—

**Congregants: We come before You with thanksgiving, our God.**

Minister: Above all, O God, for Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and lives again for our redemption,

for our hope in him, and for the joy of serving him—

**Congregants: We thank and praise You, Eternal God,  
for all Your goodness to us.**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, Who is good.

**Congregants: His love endures forever.**

10:30 am

Summer Worship