

even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Amen!

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregants: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregants: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minster: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Words of Institution

Invitation to the Table

Minister: All who would come to Christ are invited to come to his Table.

This is the Table of grace. Come and be fed.

Congregants: We open our hearts to his love.

Distribution of Elements of Grace

(Congregants come forward to receive communion)

Congregational Hymns 530, 526

One Bread, One Body

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Closing Prayer (Minister)

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November Twenty-ninth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Seventeen

Christ the King Sunday

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23

(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, from Psalm 47)

Minister: Clap your hands all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Congregants: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great King over all the earth!

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord has entered with the sound of a trumpet!

Congregants: Sing praise to God, sing praises.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Minister: Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Eternal God, You set Jesus to rule over all things

and made us servants in Your Kingdom.

By Your Holy Spirit, empower us to love the unloved

**and minister to all in need.
Then, at the last, bring us into Your eternal realm,
where we may worship and adore You
and be welcomed into Your everlasting joy,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

* HYMN 268 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Gracious God, Merciful Father, Forgiving Lord,
we confess that we have longed too much
for the comforts and treasures of this world
rather than for Your enduring Kingdom.
We have loved the gifts more than the Giver.
We plead for Your forgiveness
through the riches of Jesus Christ.
Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness,
his sinlessness for our transgressions,
his fullness for our emptiness,
his glory for our shame,
his righteousness for our dead works,
his riches for our poverty,
his death for our life.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Christ neither keeps score of our failures,
nor counts our sins against us.
As he waited for one leper to return to him in joy,
so does he stand ready to receive us.
Return to Christ in gratitude,
for in him your sins are forgiven. 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 Psalm 102:1-7, 12-13

¹Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. ² Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily on the day when I call. ³ For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. ⁴ My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread. ⁵ Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin. ⁶ I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places. ⁷ I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

¹² But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your name endures to all generations. ¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favour it; the appointed time has come.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

At the Name Of Jesus

R.V. Williams

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

THE SERMON

“THE MINISTRY OF DEATH”

Russ Merritt

HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Philippians 2:6-11)
**We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and King,
“who, being in the very nature of God, did not consider
equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness. And as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—**

Ushers

Communion Servers
Greg and Margie Cundiff, Stan Lanford

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

Announcements

Ushers for December 3, 2017 – Stan Lanford, Mac and Ann Pace, Dave Snider

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.

Jo Ann Threlkeld wants to thank all the Northminster congregation for their prayers, well wishes, cards, and notes during her recent confinement. I love all of you and appreciate so much your caring support.

"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 Worship Service / Communion
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
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Rose Howard	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Jace Newman	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Lois Waddell	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

Friends and Family

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

10:30 am

Summer Worship