

\*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*

Hymn 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Prayer after Communion

**GO FAITHFULLY**

\*HYMN 326 *For All The Saints*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers*

*Emily Allen, Matt and Susan Graybill, Sarah Plymale*

*Communion Servers*

*Lynn Kirby, Allen Kling, Bob Newman, Dave Snider, Holly Woodson*

NECROLOGY

We give thanks for the following saints of Northminster who joined the Church Triumphant in 2016 and 2017.

Ruth Corstaphney

Mary Donato

Doug Burnette

Karen Burnette

James Deaton

Ella Guntner

Sandra Lyle

Nancy Maile

Peg McLaughlin

Monty Plymale

Norman Schilling

Dot Seigler

Wilma Stump

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*November Fifth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Seventeen*

*All Saints Sunday*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

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**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 43; I Thessalonians 2:9-13

(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 66)

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Congregants: Sing glory to God, and praise to our Lord!**

Minister: Come and see what God has done, how awesome are His deeds.

**Congregants: Let the sound of God's praises be heard.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Our living God, our merciful Father,**

**Your steadfast love endures from age to age.**

**In Christ You tenderly care for Your people.**

**Instruct us in Your way of humble service,**

so that we may imitate his work and his love.  
Be with us now as we gather,  
and bless our time in praise and worship.  
We pray through Christ's name. Amen.

\* HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Savior,  
we come before God to make our confession.  
We harbor grudges, and we build walls.  
We turn from our neighbor in need,  
and we act in hostility and suspicion.  
Where there is brokenness we do not heal,  
and when called to serve, we refrain.  
Our sins are deep, but Your mercy is deeper.  
Forgive us, we pray, and give us new hearts  
that we might follow Your path.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)  
Minister: God Himself has given us His promise.  
As we turn from our sins and repent of our ways,  
He is quick to forgive and give us new life.  
Friends, believe the Good News!  
**Congregants: In Jesus Christ, we are saved!  
Praise be to God!**

\*ALLELUIA RESPONSE HYMN 587

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Hebrews 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

*Blest are They*

David Haas

NECROLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE SERMON

“KEEPING COMPANY”

Russ Merritt

HYMN 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

\*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

**THOUGHT TO CARRY HOME:**

*Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved. They are not loved because they are attractive. This is the love of the cross. Martin Luther*

**Announcements**

Ushers for November 12, 2017 – Allen Kling, Stan Lanford, Mac and Ann Pace

Many thanks for the kindness and thoughtfulness during the loss of my brother, Douglas Lee Keith. Our Northminster Family has shown so much love. You are always there. Love to each and everyone of you. Judy Ferrell

**A Congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, Nov. 12th immediately following the worship service. The purpose for the meeting is to elect five Elders to the Class of 2020. Please plan to attend.**

**NORTHMINSTER’S ANNUAL CLOTHES DRIVE for refugee and immigrant families working with Blue Ridge Literacy will be held Sunday, October 15, through Sunday, November 5. There is a special need for shoes, for children’s clothes, and for cold weather clothing—but ALL clothing is appreciated! Please look through your closets and drawers, and bring any unneeded clothing to church, where we can collect and carry all donations to the hundreds of refugee and immigrant learners at Literacy.**

Thanksgiving is coming fast and it is time for one of our traditional projects – Pies For The Rescue Mission. Each year we provide pies that the Rescue Mission can use for their holiday meal. They can be homemade, frozen or “store-bought” ready to eat and any flavor is fine. Bring them to the church kitchen on Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 20. We usually have 25 or more.

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.samaritanaspurse.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>.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2018. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 366-7818 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by mid-November.

"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**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service / Communion</b>
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Dana Esworthy
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service <b>Congregational meeting</b>

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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)

**\*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