

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 184

*Calm to the Waves*

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of R.M. Camper. He served the Lord faithfully and he cared for the family he loved with all his heart.*

*Ushers  
Allen Kling, Bob Newman*

*Acolytes  
Mia Esworthy, Kaylee O'Conner*

We continue to learn new hymns from our hymnal. We sing the 'Celtic Alleluia,' hymn 587 for our response after the Assurance of Pardon. We also will sing the hymn 536 after the Sermon for the next month.

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*September Tenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14

(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 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**Congregants: He has made this day and all days,  
and we gather to give Him praise and thanksgiving.**

Minister: We come as the people of Christ,  
seeking to renew our spirits and refresh our minds.

**Congregants: Let us rejoice in his presence  
and sing the glories of his name!**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God among us, in us, above us, and through us,  
we gather in the name of Your Son  
to learn to love, to serve, to worship, to rejoice.  
Turn our feet from evil paths,  
our hands from shameful deeds,  
our minds towards Your wisdom,  
and our hearts to Your grace,  
as we gather now to give You worship and praise.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 485            *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, our God, Redeemer and Judge,  
We bow before You in confession for our sins.  
We do not pray as regularly as we ought to,  
nor do we spend as much time with Your Word  
as we need to.  
We think about our own pleasures  
and often are neglectful of the needs of others.  
We use Your many gifts without sharing our thanks.  
Forgive us, our Father, and turn us again to Your Spirit,  
so that we may know the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Minister: This is truth, the very Word of God,  
and worthy of all acceptance.

**Congregants: Christ has borne our sins,  
and by his sufferings we are healed.**

Minister: He has defeated death, and has won  
our salvation forever.

**Congregants: The Lord's name be praised, forever  
and ever!**

\*ALLELUIA RESPONSE HYMN 587

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Romans 6:1-4

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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

*The Heavens Sing Praises to God*

Beethoven, arr. Bullard

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.'  
<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats  
were with him. <sup>37</sup> A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already  
being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said  
to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' <sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and  
said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to  
them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and  
said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

THE SERMON

"THE DANGER IN THE WATER"

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

\*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.**

## Announcements

Ushers for September 17, 2017 – Stan Lanford, Chuck Lockard

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with Russ and Kim Merritt, following the death of Kim's Father.

We light the Baptismal Candle today in celebration of the baptism of **Lilly Hayes** who was baptized on September 9, 2012. Celebrating with Lilly are her parents, Vee and Hunter along with brother, Jake, and members of the Rob Hayes family. We, the members of Northminster, pledge to nurture her in the faith and to seek to help her as she learns about the Lord. May God's blessing be on this family.

Hunger Busters time is here again! Please support the Presbyterian Community Center by filling and returning a bag full of groceries. Bags are available in the narthex and are to be returned no later than September 24th. As always, thanks for your participation and remember to include your receipt.

THE APPLE CROP IS EARLY THIS YEAR, and so is our apple butter boiling! We'll join in fellowship over the kettle for the 25<sup>th</sup> time on Saturday, September 23. Apple peeling will be Thursday, September 21 at either 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. depending on sign-up. WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW APPLE BUTTER MAKERS! Training is free, wages include great fun, warm fellowship, and stimulating conversation! Men AND women, old AND young, can apply! Sheets to order apple butter and to sign up for peeling are on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Apple butter costs will be \$8.00 per quart and \$5.00 per pint. Sign up now! For more information, or to earn your CNABM (Certified Northminster Apple Butter Maker) designation, Contact Bob Newman.

Our Homecoming/75th anniversary celebration is drawing near. We still need pictures from you from past activities at the church. Only two persons have loaned us pictures. We want this to be a wonderful celebration for our members and guests. In addition, if you have anyone you want to invite to the celebration, we need those names and addresses also. The deadline for sharing the names and addresses is August 23rd. The invitations will be mailed shortly after this date. If you have any pictures, name and addresses, please get them to Judy Ferrell by August 23rd. Name and addresses can be emailed to [ferrells6@cox.net](mailto:ferrells6@cox.net). You can leave the pictures in an envelope in the church office. Please put your name on the back of the picture so we can get them back to you. Please mark October 1 on your calendar for this celebration that God has blessed us with.

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 Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

## Summer Worship

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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	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Lois Hopkins	Rose Howard	Atwood Huff
Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile	Jace Newman
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Ruth St. Cyr	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

### Friends and Family

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)  
Jenny Kirk and her sister-in-law  
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

