

\*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

*Go to the World!* Hymn 295

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers are given today in memory of Piper Noelle Kirby. Piper's dad is Daniel Kirby. Her Grandparents are Tom and Lynn Kirby and her Great-Grandparents are Stan and Elise Lanford. We miss her every day but know we will be with her again.*

*Ushers*

*Matt and Susan Graybill, Stan Lanford, Chuck Lockard*

*Acolytes*

*Jordan Hayes, Skyler Hayes*

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 Seventeenth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 50:15-21; Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12  
(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 raise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Lord our God is a mighty God.

**Congregants: His presence among us brings truth and joy!**

Minister: The Lord our God is a holy God.

**Congregants: His power and love make us whole and alive!**

Minister: Let us worship our God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Your mighty power is always with us, our God.**

**Let this be the hour in which we feel that power,**

**when we know Your presence, when we experience peace.**

**Change us from individuals seeking our own path**

**to Your disciples united in Your mission and vision.  
Let Your love and hope overcome our doubts and confusions,  
and might this truly be a time of worship and praise,  
for we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We come to You to confess our sins, O God.**

**We know that we have failed to be the Body of Christ.**

**We live our lives separately, without a sense of union.**

**We trust in our own strength more than in Yours.**

**We care more about temporal things than about things eternal.**

**We are more concerned about our own welfare**

**rather than for world justice and peace.**

**We talk about the Cross, without accepting the cost.**

**Forgive us, and make of us the true Church.**

**Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Minister: God so loved the world

that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins.

In Christ, He forgives our sins

and restores us to fellowship with Him.

**Congregants: Blessed be His name! Praise be to God!**

\*ALLELUIA RESPONSE HYMN 587

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:37-47

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

*Be Still, My Soul*

Finlandia, Hymn 819

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

THE SERMON

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

## Announcements

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with the Lyle family, following the death of Sandy Lyle.

Ushers for September 24, 2017 – Emily Allen, Barry and Judy Ferrell, Holly Woodson

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.

The 2017 CROP walk will be held Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The walk begins and ends at First Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk begins at 2:00 PM. There will be a choice of a 1 mile loop and a 6 mile loop. CROP is a subset of Church World Service. It operates in the US and internationally. They are known to respond to natural disasters, refugee situations, water needs, flooding, and mosquito-borne illnesses and malaria. Are you interested in participating? Let Lynn Kirby or Susan Graybill know. Pick up an envelope in the narthex and start collecting donations. If you don't want to walk, but are willing to donate, we will have someone in the narthex to collect any monies you would like to give.

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<br>11:00 am             | Sunday School<br>Worship Service                    |
| Tuesday     | 10:30 am                        | P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting                      |
| Wednesday   | 3:00 pm<br>6:30 pm              | Mission Committee Meeting<br>Sanctuary Choir        |
| Thursday    | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm             | Apple butter peeling<br>Apple butter peeling        |
| Saturday    |                                 | Apple butter boiling                                |
| Next Sunday | 9:45 am<br>11:00 am<br>12:15 pm | Sunday School<br>Worship Service<br>Session Meeting |

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Minister  
Susie Tallmage, Secretary

Melissa Hudson, Music Director  
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       | Jace Newman      |
| Mac Pace      | Buddy Smith     | Sandy Smith      |
| Ruth St. Cyr  | Frances Stevens | 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

