

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

Prayer after Communion

**GO FAITHFULLY**

\*HYMN 724            *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.*

*Ushers*

*Emily Allen, Matt Graybill, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

*Communion Servers*

*Emily Allen, Greg and Margie Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill*

WE WELCOME REV. W. D. HASTY to the pulpit this morning, while the Minster is in Arizona following the death of Kim's father.

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 26:1-8; Matthew 16:21-28

(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 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace light, and grace.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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

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

Minister: He has promised deliverance to His people.

**Congregants: We will praise His name forever.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God Who has made the heavens and the earth,  
Who has surrounded us with beauty and goodness,  
help us to see all the gifts of Your hands,  
and to fall down before You in wonder and thanksgiving.  
Let our hearts open before You in worship and praise,  
and our minds and spirits willingly receive Your Word.  
May this be a time blessed by our Lord Jesus,  
In whose name we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 14            *For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God of all ages,  
time after time You have raised up courageous servants  
to renew Your people and to reform Your Church.**

**We confess that we, too, are in need of renewal  
and transformation.**

**We are timid and fearful disciples  
who settle for easy answers and comfortable religion.**

**We go along with the world around us  
instead of being light, and salt, and leaven.**

**We convince ourselves that we are too small  
to make any difference in the world.**

**Let Your Word shake us up,  
and let Your Spirit renew our spirits,  
so that we may be Your faithful people,  
and boldly follow Your Son.**

**Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Hear the good news! Who is in position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

\*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 105:1-16

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth. <sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant for ever, of the word that

he commanded, for a thousand generations, <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, <sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, <sup>11</sup> saying, ‘To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.’ <sup>12</sup> When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in it, <sup>13</sup> wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, <sup>14</sup> he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, <sup>15</sup> saying, ‘Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.’ <sup>16</sup> When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ <sup>20</sup>No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE SERMON

“THESE THINGS I KNOW”

W. D. Hasty

\*HYMN 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*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

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## Announcements

Ushers for September 10, 2017 – Allen Kling, Bob Newman

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

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its love and sympathy with Don and Sandy Smith, following the death of Don's sister, Jane Smith Bently

**RALLY DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED next Sunday, as we begin a new season of Sunday School for all ages. Make your plans to attend!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, at 9:45 am.** so make your plans to attend! We have several classes for all ages to choose from this year. including a special adult class being led by the Minster, focusing on real-life case studies that help us consider how our believing speaks to our living.

**Nursery and Noah's Ark** is led by Alice Baker and Lauren Godsey. This is for newborns through preschool.

**Kidvid** will meet **during the church service** and be led by parent volunteers. This class is for kids from K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Parents can bring their kids into church or take them into the nursery. After the Children's sermon, the kids will leave the sanctuary to sing with Melissa and have their Sunday school. The class will consist of a short video followed by a discussion of lessons learned from the video.

**Mini Missions** is a class for fourth grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade led by Emily Allen. Mini missions will focus on exploring the Bible with hands on learning.

**LIVING THE FAITH:** Russ Merritt will lead this class. The fall Sunday school class for adults will feature both classroom discussions and special presentations by the Minster, with each class built around relevant case studies on real-world issues where faith plays an important role. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our faith, and how it speaks to everyday situations and circumstances.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between 10:30 and 11:00 on September 10<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year. We will recognize our teachers and their students during the worship service that day.

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.

## Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Summer Worship / Communion
10:30 am	Summer Worship	
Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Karen Smith
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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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	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

