

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ ¹⁷The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ ¹⁹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ²¹Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ ²⁵The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ ²⁶Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *NO SUPERMEN, NO WONDER WOMEN* Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed* (unison)
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

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

*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

*August Twelfth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
(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 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Living God has brought each of us here
on our respective journeys of faith.

**Congregants: God has given us nourishment and rest
for our hungry and weary spirits.**

Minister: He has provided guidance and protection
for us on our pilgrimage through life.

**Congregants: He is faithful to His promises,
and is with us even now.**

Minister: So come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**All the mysteries of the universe
are held in Your heart, O God our Father.
From the silent orbiting of mighty planets
to the unfolding of grains that feed our world,
You are Creator, Sustainer, Provider, and Lord.
From the greatest to the smallest of wonders,
Your Hand is present in glory and joy.
Your power and reign are beyond our understanding,
and yet greater than that is Your love and mercy.
Be with us now, immerse us in Your grace,
and hear our praise and worship of Your holy name!
Through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

* HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed Your Way
nor have we sought to obey Your Will.
You offer each of us the joy of Your Spirit,
yet we waste away in sin and in fear.
You offer us the life that we find in Your Word,
yet we turn away and act in doubt and despair.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of Your Holy Spirit
make us more compassionate and kind,
living in this world as Your beloved children,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

Before all beginnings, and after all endings,
God reigns forever and ever in power and might.
That One, Who is Lord of all, rules in love,
and through His presence in Jesus Christ
He forgives, and washes clean, and makes new
all who come to Him.
Praise forever His blessed name!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory Be to the Father 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 READING GOD'S WORD Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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.

VOLUNTARY

Jeff Midkiff

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 4:4-26

⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are available.

Ushers
Tom and Hope Hale, Tina Paquette

Acolytes
Abbie Caldwell, Amia Gilliard

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

Announcements

Ushers for August 19, 2018 – Stan Lanford, Bob Newman, Holly Woodson

THE SESSION WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, August 19, 2018 following the morning worship service. Anyone wishing to join the congregation's membership, or having business for the Session to consider, is asked to contact the Minister.

The CE Committee thanks everyone who helped with VBS. There are simply too many to name! As always with this church, it is a group effort with everyone happily pitching in. With an average of 52 in attendance (12 youth), we enjoy three nights of good food, great fellowship, lively music, meaningful lessons, crafts, and spirited recreation time. We collected \$105.00 to purchase blankets for Family Promise and shampoo and diapers. Our last night wrapped up with the youth singing and dancing and the youth looked forward to VBS slide show. We're already thinking about next year!

Please send a picture of your summer activity to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net to be used in the September/October Link.

The Mission Committee is going to be collecting **USED** ink cartridges. They can be business or personal ones. We will be donating them to RAM. A plastic container has been placed in the Vestibule area. We will be collecting them till the end of the year or as long as RAM is asking for them. Thanks in advance for your donation of used ink cartridges.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins at 10:30, and extends through the end of August. All services will be informal.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults and youth ages 10 and up focuses on "Bible 101" a special class introducing Bible study for all levels of learners. Class begins at 9:30 each Sunday through the summer.

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Summer Worship
Monday	6:00	C.E. Meeting
Next Sunday	9:30am 10:30 am 11:45	Sunday School Summer Worship Session Meeting

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

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Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Lois Hopkins
Jane Horeis	Rose Howard	Tom Kirby
Margie Lemon	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Jenny Nabywaniec	Ramona Ortiz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Karen Smith
Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld
Bill Waddell	George Wingeier	Shirley Wynn

Friends and Family

Mike Duckworth-(Holly Woodson's brother-in-law)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson
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
Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Lynn Kirby, Bob Newman,
Dave Snider

10:30 am

Summer Worship