

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 772 *Live into Hope*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

*The flowers are given in celebration of the birth of
Olivia Quinn and Piper Noelle Kirby on August 16, 2014.*

*Ushers
Margie Cundiff, Stan Lanford, Bob Newman, Holly Woodson*

*Acolytes
Amari Gilliard, Jordan Hayes*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*August Nineteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 34:9-14; I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

(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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Congregants: Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

The world sings its praises to You, O God.

The planets and stars and moons,

the mountains and valleys and plains,

the birds and beasts and creatures of the sea,

all of Your creation give You praise.

We join that chorus this morning

as we gather now to worship and adore You,

through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord,

in whose love we make our prayers. Amen.

* HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful and loving God, we confess
that we have not followed Your path for our lives.
You offer each of us the joy of Your Spirit,
yet we waste away in darkness and sin.
You offer the life of Your Word and truth,
yet we continue in our foolishness,
and settle for far less than what You promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to make better use
of the lives You have given to us,
and guide us as we seek to give glory to You.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

The heart of God is great, and is filled with His love.
His forgiveness is plentiful, His mercy abundant.
Surely His grace will be with us all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell in His house forever.
Praise be to God!

* 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 111

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the

beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

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

Sheila Lancaster and Bob Bielawski

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

BEAUTIFUL FEET

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*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

Announcements

Ushers for August 26, 2018 – Frankie Bielawski, Sarah Godsey, Tom and Hope Hale
Communion Servers – Bob and Frankie Bielawski, Judy Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford

THE SESSION MEETS TODAY 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday, August 26, during the morning worship service. Please be in prayer and spiritual preparation for this time at the Lord's Table.

Sunday, September 9th is the beginning of our new Church year. We will be having a potluck luncheon following the worship service. We want everyone to attend. Chicken will be provided and we are asking individuals to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Please plan to attend and fellowship with each other as we start our new church year.

Please get newsletter items for the September/October addition of "The Link" to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, August 22nd. Only a few photos of your summer activity have been received. Please send photos in so we can get them in the Newsletter.

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	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship
	11:45 am	Session Meeting
Next Sunday	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship/Communion

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

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	Bob Newman	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