

\*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

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

Congregational Hymns 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

Prayer after Communion

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arise*

\*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*

*Tina Paquette, Dave Snider*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*February Eleventh the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (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 HYMN 662

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light; Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: God of our spiritual ancestors,  
draw near to us now.

**Congregants: Spirit of the Living God,  
fall fresh on us.**

Minister: God of creation, of water, earth, and fire,  
draw near to us now.

**Congregants: Spirit of the Living God,  
fall fresh on us.**

Minister: God of wonder, of dazzling light and sheer silence,  
mountaintop experiences and shadow valley shepherds,  
draw near to us now.

**Congregants: Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.**

Minister: Creator, Spirit, and Christ, fill us  
with Your love and grace in this time of worship.

**Congregants: Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of glory, we gather now before You  
seeking to catch a glimpse of Your splendor,  
which is brighter than the sun.  
Through Your grace, Jesus comes to each of us,  
as he came to the disciples.  
He brings healing with his touch,  
strength with his encouragement,  
and peace that banishes all fear.  
May Christ be with each of us in our worship today.  
Through Your holy and glorious name we pray.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 12      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, Incarnate Redeemer,  
from the moment of your birth in the manger  
to the empty tomb in the garden,  
you have always shined brightly with God's love.  
But we confess that too often  
we make your love dull and lifeless  
and are more content to conceal it rather than reveal it.  
So if we are concealing your love  
and not seeing and serving those in need,  
forgive us, Lord.  
If we put other priorities ahead of you,  
if all we reflect is our own self-centeredness,  
if we do not share a credible witness to your love,  
forgive us, Lord.  
If we fail to empower those who are powerless,  
if we hold onto hard and unforgiving attitudes,  
if we bear prejudice and intolerance,  
forgive us, Lord,  
and then change us into being a people  
who shine brightly in this world  
as living testimonies  
of your love, your power, and your grace.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Hear the Good News.  
God is light, and in God there is no darkness.  
If we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.  
In Christ, God forgives us our sins.  
Praise His name forever!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 673 (V. 1) *Jesus, Light of Joy*

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine: source of every earthly blessing,  
heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM      *Christ is the World's True Light*      Walter Kendall Stanton      (Insert)

THE SECOND LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

THE SERMON

“TRANSFIGURATION”

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

## Announcements

Ushers for February 18, 2018 –

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers and support we have received after Tom's biking accident. We are so thankful for each and every one of you.  
Tom and Lynn Kirby

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today Sunday, February 11th, during our morning worship service. Also today is Transfiguration Sunday, one of the "holy days" of the universal Church, and we remember our Lord's revelation of power by gathering at his Table of Sacrifice. Please be in prayer and spiritual preparation in the time leading up to our gathering in worship together around the elements of grace.

**Join us today, February 11<sup>th</sup> after church for our Annual Souper Bowl.** We will gather for a lunch of delicious soups and sandwiches. Everyone welcome!

We are making a new address directory please check out the sheets on the table in the narthex for any changes that need to be made by your name.

A JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held with our friends at Green Ridge Presbyterian Church, who will host the special worshipful gathering. The event will be led by the Ministers of the two congregations, on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this beginning to the Lenten season of spiritual growth.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by the Session for Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the end of the worship service to elect two members of the congregation to the 2018 Nominating Committee. When nominating someone please ask them beforehand if they would like to serve.

"Hunger Buster" bags will be handed out on Sunday February 4 and 11 for the Presbyterian Community Center. Please return the bags with some of the suggested food items on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and they will be delivered to the PCC that week. Your gift can make a difference for struggling people who are clients at the Center.

AN INFORMATIONAL GATHERING for persons interested in becoming commissioned lay pastors will be offered by the Presbytery on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 until 1:00, at the Bedford Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in learning more about this path of service, contact the Minister.

A SPECIAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH TRANSFORMATION will be held by Presbytery for our members on Saturday, March 3, from 9:00 until noon. This is VERY SIGNIFICANT training for Northminster members, as we seek to build our future, and hopefully as many persons as possible can attend. If interested, please sign up with the Minister.

SUMMER CHURCH ADVENTURE CAMPS for high school and middle school students are scheduled for June 17 - 22. These fun-filled and spiritually-focused Presbytery-sponsored events bring youth from throughout the region together for exciting camping activities combined with meaningful opportunities for growth. If interested, contact the minister for more information.

Just a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes from Session Meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc. can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

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 2018 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Inclement weather policy for Sunday Morning Services:

The minister in consultation with Elders will make the decision to cancel church services due to inclement weather. He will notify WSL-10 and WDBJ-7 to announce a cancellation of services. He will also notify Judy Ferrell so that she can send out an email to those who are currently on the the Northminster email distribution list. If you have an email address and are not currently receiving the Northminster emails, please let Judy ([ferrells6@cox.net](mailto:ferrells6@cox.net)) know so that you can be added to the list.

SUNNYSIDE - During the months of February and March the PW will be collecting items to donate to Sunnyside residents. A large box has been placed in the Narthex for collection. Please help us put a smile on someone's face by donating to our project. Examples of items needed:

Sudoku/Word Find	Soft toothbrushes (individually packaged)
Picture Puzzles	Crest or Colgate Toothpaste (regular size)
Crossword Puzzle Books	Chap Stick
Grip Socks/House Slippers	Shaving Cream or After-Shave Lotion
Lotion for Women (unscented)	Alarm Clocks with large numbers
Fleece Blankets	Knitted Blankets or Crochet

### Calendar

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service / Communion</b> <b>Souper Bowl Lunch</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>C.E. Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Circle 1</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Bells</b> <b>Sanctuary Choir</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service</b>

ANTHEM *Christ is the World's True Light* Walter Kendall Stanton

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation, The Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation; New life, new hope awakes, where'er we own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all peoples meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare bear the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name Unite us all who own thee; Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, Has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, Come Prince of Peace!

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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
Rose Howard	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Jenny Nabywaniec	Jace Newman	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Ruth St. Cyr
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	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