

*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 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* Hymn 274

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are provided for worshippers with compromised sight.

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God and to remember on her 114th birthday the beautiful life of Obelia Gross Camper who loved the Lord, her family, and the children she taught.

Ushers

Emily Allen, Tom and Jane Olsen, Tina Paquette

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February Eighteenth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Eighteen

First Sunday in Lent

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22

(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 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

Congregants: We gather to worship His holy Name!

Minister: God's promise is for all generations,

His covenant is with every living thing.

Congregants: We worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Minister: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Your paths are straight and true, O God.

They guide all who seek the way of salvation.

By Your mercy, You lead us

to steadfast love and faithfulness.

Upheld by Your covenant, enlightened by Your Word,

**we live securely in Your goodness and truth.
Hear us now as we lift our spirits in praise to You.
Accept our glad adoration, and reveal to us Your Will.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of mercy,
You sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from You
and turned aside from Your way.
We are misled by pride and self-interest.
We see ourselves as pure, yet we are stained by sin.
We hold ourselves up as paragons of goodness,
when our words and deeds fall far short.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
ignored the hurting, and rejected Your truth.
Have mercy on us, O God,
and forgive our many sins.
Return us to paths of righteousness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Hear Good News!
Out of the fullness of Christ's love,
we have received grace upon grace.
He is full of mercy, our eternal hope,
and generous to all who call upon him.
In Jesus Christ, we are redeemed!
Praise be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS HYMN 468 *In My Life*
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Psalm 25:1-10
¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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 *Create in Me* Arnold B. Sherman
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit, a holy spirit in me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; but renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy loving spirit.

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

THE SECOND LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Mark 10:35-45
³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

THE SERMON "THE GLORY OF JESUS" Russ Merritt

*HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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 February 25, 2018 – Tim and Tina Paquette, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Please get newsletter items for the March/April addition of “The Link” to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, February 21st.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by the Session for next Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the end of the worship service to elect two members of the congregation to the 2018 Nominating Committee.

THE SESSION WILL MEET for its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, February 25, 2018 following the worship service.

Due to the weather and very low attendance on February 4th, "Hunger Buster" bags will be handed out on February 18th and February 25th, and collected on March 4 for the Presbyterian Community Center. Please return the bags with some of the suggested food items on March 4th 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.

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) 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

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Memorial Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session meeting

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Minister	Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Susie Tallmage, Secretary	Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant

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

10:30 am

Summer Worship