

*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

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

Hymn 302, O WALY, WALY

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

Ushers

Emily Allen, Jyke Jones, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*January Fourteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

(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: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Congregants: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Minister: The Lord is about to do a new thing!

Congregants: Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

Minister: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

You are the Rock of our salvation, O God.

**You alone are the Source of our strength,
the Fountainhead from which flow living waters.**

When our souls thirst for righteousness,

Your justice sustains us.

In need of encouragement and hope,

we behold Your power and glory.

We lift our hearts now in Your sanctuary,

and with our voices we sing Your praise.

We come together in the company of believers,

**and seek to encounter Your living Word.
Fill us now with Your Holy Spirit,
and nourish us by Your presence.
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

* HYMN 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God our Creator, we confess
that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You speak to us with tender mercy,
yet we fail to recognize Your voice.
You know everything about us,
yet we pretend we do not know You.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to heed Your voice of truth,
to follow Your way of faithfulness,
and to glorify You with our lives.
Hear these our private prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

The Apostle Paul writes: "Do you not know
that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...
and that you are not your own?
For you were bought with a price!"
Christ in mercy has paid the price for our sin.
Through him we may approach God
with our temples made clean!
Praise His holy name!

RESPONSE HYMN 673 (V. 1) *Jesus, Light of Joy* (Insert)

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Hymn 543, GREEN TYLER

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

THE SECOND LESSON I Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

THE SERMON "LISTENING AND EXPECTING"

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Announcements

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember **Amai and Amari Newman Gilliard** who were presented for baptism by their mother, Brett Newman on January 11, 2015. Celebrating with them are their grandparents, Bob and Debbie Newman along with Aunt and Uncle Jeremy & Kristin Newman. May we all remember the promise we made to help guide Amai and Amari as they grow in the Christian faith.

Ushers for January 21, 2018 -

We will have a Congregational meeting this morning immediately following the worship service for the purpose of presenting the 2018 budget to the congregation.

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) know so that you can be added to the list.

Calendar

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3911 Greenland Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24012-3250
WEBSITE:WWW.NORTHMINSTERPCUSA.ORG

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	Lois 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 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

10:30 am

Summer Worship