

Words of Institution  
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Congregational Hymns 530 *One Bread, One Body*  
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Prayer after Communion

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 295      *Go to the World!*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*Liturgist*  
*Pam Claterbaugh*

*Ushers*  
*Jyke Jones, Allen Kling, Mac and Ann Pace*

*Communion Servers*  
*Richard Claterbaugh, Greg and Margie Cundiff, Maggie Hambrick, Bob Newman*

WE WELCOME OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS from Green Ridge Presbyterian who join us in worship this morning. It is a blessing to share in God's goodness with you!

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

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

*Baptism of the Lord*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genius 1: 1-5; Acts 19: 1-7

(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 heavens opened, the Spirit descended.

**Congregants: A voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**We sing out in praise, O Holy One of Israel.**

**You have come among us, incarnate,**

**You have taken our burdens on Yourself,**

**You have lifted us over hard places in life,**

**You have given us life through Your sacrifice.**

**Give us open hearts this day and this year,**

**so that we might embrace**

**the love You share with us,**

**the love we are called to share with others.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 96     *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, our Judge and our Redeemer,  
on this first Sunday of the New Year  
we confess that we have tried to hide from You,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You.  
We have turned away from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world.  
In Your great mercy, forgive our sinfulness,  
free us from selfishness, and make us whole,  
so that we may choose Your path  
and obey Your Word and Will.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON     (Minister)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Know that in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
May the God of grace, Who is our forgiveness,  
strengthen you in all goodness, guide You in His ways,  
and welcome you into eternal life. Amen.

\*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 LESSON     Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

*Walk in the Light*

Traditional, arr. Andre Thomas

THE SECOND LESSON     Mark 1: 4-11

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

THE SERMON

"Remembering Our Baptism"

Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*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.**

## Announcements

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember **Kallie Cameron** who was presented for baptism by her parents, Kevin and Emma on January 3, 2016. Celebrating with them is a special friend, Lois Hopkins. It is our hope that Kevin and Emma have felt the prayers of the church in raising Kallie in the Christian faith.

Ushers for January 14, 2018 -

The Amos and Hambrick families would like to thank you for being there for them and for the Christian love you have showed.

Please get Newsletter items for the January/February Newsletter to Debbie Newman at [dnewstamp4u@cox.net](mailto:dnewstamp4u@cox.net) by Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**We will have a Congregational meeting on January 14, 2018 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of presenting the 2018 budget to the congregation.**

Our Operation Christmas Child boxes are being delivered to Togo. Togo has 7.9 million people and is located in West Africa. 40% of the population is 14 years old or younger. Your shoebox is just the first step to transforming a young life for eternity. Every shoebox gift delivered by Operation Christmas Child is a tangible expression of God's love. This year in Togo, Bible lessons will be offered to children who receive a shoebox gift. These 12 lessons guide children through a study of who Jesus Christ is, what it means to follow Him, and how to share this exciting message with others. More than 118,000 children in Togo have enrolled in this program since it started, and over 101,000 have graduated. Thanks to everyone who supported this ministry!

### Calendar

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service</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>6:30 pm</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>

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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
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