

*HYMN 310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*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

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers are given today in memory of our loving parents and grandparents, "Frank and Pat Feather,"
by Karen and Tim Smith, Sarah, Ed, Lauren and Caitlin Godsey.*

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

Ushers

Lynn Kirby, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Stan Lanford

Acolytes

Tyler Allen, Lilly Hayes

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!

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

July Twenty-second the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Eighteen

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

(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: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Congregants: Praise God from the ends
of the earth!**

Minister: For God has redeemed us,
and taken away all our sin.

**Congregants: He has called us by name,
and we are His.**

Minister: He is our God, and we are precious
in His eyes.

**Congregants: Sing to the Lord a new song,
and declare His praise forever!**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O living Christ, our blessed Redeemer,
our lives are like voyages of trust
through years as immense as oceans.
Like the sea, our lives are not placid,
but are rocked by change, by storm,
by tides beyond our control.
But You are always with us,
bringing strength and hope and peace
to our hearts no matter what challenges we face.
Be with us now in our gathering for worship,
touch our spirits with Your Holy Spirit,
and give us joy to praise Your goodness,
as we pray through Your holy name. Amen.**

* HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, You pour Your Spirit into our lives,
but we confess that too often
we are not receptive to Your presence.
You stir us with Your wind of change,
but we can be stubborn and deny where You lead.
You sweep over us like flames of fire,
yet we persist in ignoring Your light.
Without Your Spirit, we are lifeless, O God.
Forgive us, we pray, and bring us to life again.
Use us in Your service to share the love of Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister, from Psalm 107)

To all who seek forgiveness,
know that the Lord hears your prayers.
When we reach out to God in our troubles,
He delivers us from our distress,
He stills the storms of life
and brings us to the haven of divine mercy.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

* 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 II Corinthians 4: 4-10

⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

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.

MUSIC VOLUNTARY

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 16:13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

STUMBLING TO ETERNITY

Dr. Russ Merritt

Announcements

Ushers for July 29, 2018 – Lynn Kirby, Dave Snider

Marie Haines appreciates the congregation for all the prayers, calls, cards, food and visits while in the hospital and rehab. My hip replacement has restored my ability to walk pain free.

Thank you for your prayers and support they have meant so much to me. Please continue praying for my family they are taking wonderful care of me. Thank you for the flowers, they are beautiful. I love you all. Betty Dixon

If some of the women have a few extra minutes in your day maybe you could give Rose a call. (Rose Howard 540-400-0857)

Join us for Vacation Bible School GAME ON! Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night July 30, July 31, and August 1st. Dinner at 5pm, Bible school 6pm to 8pm with Wednesday night being abbreviated night. Nursery provided, elementary class, middle and high school helping, and adult class.

Bring friends, neighbors, and family! Contact Dana for more information or if you're interest/willing to volunteer. danabesworthy@comcast.net

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
Next Sunday	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship

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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	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