

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 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers  
Bob and Frankie Bielawski*

*Acolytes  
Amia Gilliard, Nicole Paquette*

**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

*June Tenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
Third Sunday after Pentecost*

---

## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Samuel 8:4-15; Psalm 138; Mark 3:20-35

(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 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: People of God, our hope is in the Lord!

**Congregants: With God, there is refuge and strength.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God our Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,**

**Creator God, Redeeming God, Sustaining God,**

**we come before You in praise and thanksgiving**

**for another day in worship with You.**

**Your presence surrounds us,**

**there is no place that we are outside Your love.  
Fill our hearts now with hunger for You,  
and make our gathering blessed with Your joy.  
Through Christ Jesus we make our prayers.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 667                      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most holy and blessed God, we confess  
that we have not lived for Your glory.  
You claim us and call us as Your people,  
but we seek out other sources of salvation.  
You welcome us into Your house,  
but we bring with us conflict and division,  
and so often we ignore Your invitation.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Restore and rebuild us  
so that we may be ready to live  
in the eternal home You promise,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENES (Minister)

\* 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 Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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

Jeff Midkiff

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 9

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; <sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, <sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

“OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH”

Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN 738

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

\*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**

Announcements

Ushers for June 17, 2018 – Allen Kling

Ann and Mac Pace would like to thank you for all your cards, calls, visits and food these past few weeks. A Church Family is such a blessing!

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 will focus on “Bible 101” a special class introducing Bible study for all levels of learners. Class will begin at 9:30 each Sunday through the summer.

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Summer Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 am	Circle 1 at Church
Next Sunday	9:30am 10:30 am	Sunday School Summer Worship

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

Russ Merritt, Transitional Pastor      Melissa Hudson, Music Director  
Susie Tallmage, Secretary              Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant  
Ministers...Members of Northminster

**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