

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Allen Kling, Judy Marr, Tom and Jane Olsen

Acolytes

Amiar Gilliard, Camden Newman

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 Seventeenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5:6-17

(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: In the morning when the sun rises,

Congregants: we shall praise You, O Lord our God.

Minister: In the evening when the sun sets,

Congregants: we shall give You our deepest thanksgiving.

Minister: You have been with us through every day of life,

**Congregants: and You have given us safe passages
through every crisis we have faced.**

Minister: The darkness has past, and the Light has come.

Congregants: Our God, we bless Your holy Name!

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Heavenly Father, Your presence surrounds us,
and we are never out of the reach of Your love.
You fill our hearts with Your promise and hope.
You make of us more than we would ever imagine,
and You give each of us our special place in Your Kingdom.
Be with us now in worship, fill us with Your Holy Spirit,
and give us vision of Jesus Christ, that we might follow.
In his name we make our prayers. Amen.**

* HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, Your Spirit strengthens and refreshes,
but we confess that we ignore the gifts offered to us.
We bypass Your streams of mercy,
and ignore the goodness of Your grace.
We dam up the river of Your strength,
and refuse to channel Your love to others.
Forgive us, we pray, and give us new hearts.
Cleanse us of our old attitudes and perspectives,
and restore us to Your peace, through Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

Jesus says to us: "Come to me, all who are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
The gracious promise of God for all
is His mercy, His forgiveness, His love.
Praise be to God!

* 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 Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed
away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the

throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his
peoples, and God himself will be with them;⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will
be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'
⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said,
'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the
Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the
spring of the water of life.'

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Great Thou Art* Kahra Barkley and Owen Merritt, Russ Merritt

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 11:1-8

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted
the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,
³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain
it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.
There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four
corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of
prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat."
⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON "SLIPPING, SLIDING, AND TRUSTING" Dr. Merritt

*HYMN 366 (Verses 1,3,4) *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

*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.**

Announcements

Ushers for June 24, 2018 – Judy Marr, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams, Holly Woodson

Please get newsletter items for the July/August addition of “The Link” to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, June 24th.

THE SESSION WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY, June 24, 2018 following the morning worship service. Anyone wishing to join the congregation's membership, or having business for the Session to consider, is asked to contact the Minister.

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	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship
	11:1 5am	Session Meeting

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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