

*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 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Judy Marr, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams, Holly Woodson

Acolytes

Maggie Graybill, 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

June Twenty-fourth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Eighteen

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Samuel 17:57-18:16; Psalm 133; Mark 4:35-41

(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: We shall praise You, O Lord, with all our heart.

Congregants: Gladly will we sing and pray to You!

Minister: We shall bow down in Your holy sanctuary.

Congregants: For Your love and faithfulness

we will praise Your name!

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

O God, You have made the heavens and the earth,

You have surrounded us with beauty and goodness,

You have filled our lives with Your gifts.

We gather now to worship and praise Your holy name.

**Let our hearts open before You and give You thanks,
and may our spirits be open to Your Word for life.
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

* HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Our heavenly Father, You are faithful to us,
but we have sinned and broken covenant with You.
We confess the word sharply spoken,
the praise withheld, the embrace not given,
the hurt disguised, the envy felt,
the self indulged, the need neglected.
Receive us now, penitent and seeking forgiveness.
Enfold us now in the arms of love and mercy,
and restore a new spirit within us.
Hear these our silent and private prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)
God's forgiveness is everlasting, His love eternal.
His mercy is as wide as the sea,
His grace stretches beyond the distant stars.
Surely He forgives all our iniquities,
through His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.
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 Psalm 90

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your

countenance. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. ¹² So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. ¹³ Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷ Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

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.**

SOLO

There is a Longing in My Heart

Lauren Godsey

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *A FAITH FOR HARD TIMES* Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Announcements

Ushers for July 1, 2018 –

Please get newsletter items for the July/August addition of “The Link” to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Wednesday, June 27th.

THE SESSION WILL MEET TODAY, 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.

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 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
	11:45 pm	Session Meeting
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