

<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii,\* gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup>He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds and spirits  
by the power of Your enlightening Holy Spirit,  
so that as Your Word is read and proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy and commitment  
what You say to us this day. Amen.**

THE SERMON *JUST DO IT* Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 63 *The Lord Is God*

\*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 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*November Eleventh the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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!**

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### GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28

(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 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Choose this day Whom you will serve.

**Congregants: We will serve and obey the Lord our God.**

Minister: Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.

**Congregants: God will strengthen us in word and deed.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God, Almighty and Eternal,  
Your blessed Son came into this world  
so that he could destroy the works of evil  
and make us faithful children of God  
and heirs of the promised eternal life.  
Grant that, having this joyous hope,**

**we might serve in love as He has served us.  
Be with us now in our worship and praise,  
in our hearing and acting and speaking,  
so that we might find ourselves in Your presence.  
Through Christ, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever,  
we make our prayers. Amen.**

\* HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Acolytes)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

When we confess our sins,  
God forgives us and cleanses us  
and makes us new again.  
Trusting in His grace and goodness,  
let us come to Him with our confessions.

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, we confess before Your throne  
that we have failed to seek Your Will for our lives.  
We revel in privilege and control  
while many are struggling to survive.  
You call for faithfulness and love,  
and we respond with half-hearted service.  
You call for righteousness and peace,  
and we answer with weak commitments.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Strip us of all pride and pretense  
and clothe us in Your mercy alone,  
ready to meet You in Your glory.  
Hear these our silent, personal prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

HYMN 538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

**Hallelujah! We Sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We  
Sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD James 2:18-26

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. <sup>20</sup>Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? <sup>21</sup>Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. <sup>23</sup>Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup>Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? <sup>26</sup>For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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.**

ANTHEM

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Bob Chilcott

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup>He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup>He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Lay Liturgist  
Walt Haines*

*Ushers  
Emily Allen, Barry Ferrell, Allen Kling, Bob Newman*

Announcements

Ushers for November 18, 2018 – Dave Snider, Holly Woodson

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE honoring our congregation's former Boy Scout Troop will be included in next Sunday's morning worship. Troop 26 has disbanded, but in its time served many young men in this congregation and beyond. If you know of former Troop 26 scouts, please invite them to join us.

A belated, but sincerely heartfelt "Thank You" to all those that participated in apple butter boiling this year. We had another wonderful day of fellowship preparing and canning the apples. Thanks also to all who purchased the fruit of our labors. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Christian Education Committee's Youth Activities.

Thanks to all the parents who brought their kids out for the pumpkin decorating activity at the church. We had 16 kids join us for pizza, cookie decorating (and eating), pumpkin decorating and a few other crafts. A special thanks to Debbie Newman who made the cookies and frosting.

**A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by the Session for today at the end of the morning worship service, for the purpose of hearing the report of the congregation's Nominating Committee and electing persons to serve on the Session beginning in January 2019.**

**TODAY We will collect Operation Christmas Child box at our worship service. We hope that each one of you will pick up a box and fill it and pray for the child that will receive it.**

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING following the morning worship service next Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. All elders are encouraged to be present.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLEDGE CARD for your 2019 financial support of God's work at Northminster, please contact Barry Ferrell, Stewardship Chair.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2019. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 366-7818 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting

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Ministers...Members of Northminster

**Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.**

**Members**

Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Tom Kirby	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Ramona Ortiz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy 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