

\*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 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers  
Frankie Bielawski*

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER, Pam Claterbaugh, who is filling our pulpit while the Merritts are on vacation with family in South Carolina. It is always a blessing to have Pam and Richard with us!

## **NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*November Twenty fifth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
Christ the King Sunday*

**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!**

---

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Deuteronomy 8:7-8; Psalms 65; II Corinthians 9:6-15

(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 336

**We Gather Together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalms 92, 93, and 95)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

**Congregants: The Lord is king! God is robed in majesty!  
God has established the world, it shall never be moved.**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

**Congregants: For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods!**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are His people.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Eternal God, You sent Jesus Christ to rule over all things,  
and made us servants in Your Kingdom.**

**By Your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved,  
and to minister to all in need.**

**Then at the last bring us to Your everlasting realm,  
where we may worship and adore You  
and be welcomed into Your everlasting joy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

\* HYMN 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Acolytes)

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Righteous God,  
You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world  
and fail to be governed by his justice and love.  
In Your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader)

\* 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 Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; <sup>2</sup> your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. <sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. <sup>4</sup> More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! <sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 18:33-38

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him.'

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

*CHRIST THE KING*

Pam Claterbaugh

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

## Announcements

Ushers for December 2, 2018 – Allen Kling, Bob Newman

Sarah Plymale would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, and to let everyone know that she is doing very well.

**Please join us for the Lessons and Carols service next Sunday December 2nd at 11am. Seasonal hymns and carols will be led by the Northminster choirs and musicians.**

The Nominating Committee is proud to announce the Class of 2021 Elders: Chuck Lockard (Stewardship and Finance), Judy Ferrell (Worship), Ray Williams (Mission), Vee Hayes (Christian Education), Jeremy Newman (Building and Grounds) and Susan Graybill who will serve a one year period to replace Sarah Plymale. We look forward to your Leadership. In addition a big thanks to the Nominating Committee which consisted of Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Karen Smith, Hope Hale and Chuck Lockard.

The ladies of Circle 2 invite ALL of the Northminster ladies to our Christmas Circle Tuesday, December 4th for a Women's Friendship Gathering 7pm at 802 McDowell Drive Salem, VA. Please RSVP to Dana #293-0514 or [danabesworthy@comcast.net](mailto:danabesworthy@comcast.net). This is a casual gathering. Come for a short while and listen to the lesson or stay for food and fellowship. Bring a friend or two!

Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have The Joy Gift luncheon following the morning worship service. Come and celebrate the Christmas season and enjoy Christian fellowship. The Presbyterian Women will provide the meat and we ask that everyone please bring a pot luck dish or dessert. A Christmas program will be presented by the children. And Santa Claus may make a surprise visit!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held Monday, December 24, at 4:00, and will include worship experiences for all ages. We will be joined by our fellow Presbyterians from Green Ridge and Fifth Avenue congregations. The service will include celebration of the sacrament of holy communion, special music, special readings, and candle lighting, amidst the beauty of the sanctuary decorations. Make your plans to join us in worshipping the babe in the manger, and bring your friends and family!

THE CHURCH LIBRARY HAS MANY BOOKS available to church members, to guide you in your respective spiritual journeys, Members are encourage to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to deepen their spiritual knowledge and understanding of the faith.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER of Northminster, contact the Minister.

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

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Lessons & Carols

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	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

