

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Congregational Hymns 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

*Lay Liturgist
Margie Cundiff*

*Ushers
Dave Snider*

*Communion Servers
Dave Snider, Holly Woodson*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November Fourth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Eighteen

All Saints Sunday

Twenty fourth 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!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34

(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: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs in the Kingdom of heaven.

**Congregants: Jesus is the Alpha
and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

Minister: Sing to the lord a new song.

Congregants: Let all the faithful praise the Lord!

Minister: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Almighty God, You have knit together Your children
in one fellowship and communion of saints,
in the Church universal, visible and invisible,**

**the Body of Your Son, Christ our Lord.
Give us grace to follow Your blessed saints,
those believers who have gone before us,
in all virtuous and godly living,
so that we may come to those unending joys
that You have prepared for those who love You.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

* HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)

Jesus said: "Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled."
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sinfulness.

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, in every age
You have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to Your Will.
You call us to proclaim Your name and love,
but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.
In Your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in Your way,
so that as we join those from ages past
who have served You with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the Kingdom
You promised in Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader)

Sisters and brothers in faith, hear Good News!
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 Psalm 24 (Insert)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *I Will Exalt You, O My Lord* Aaron David Miller

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 2:38-44 (Insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Minister)

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify You
in the company of the faithful,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SERMON *A DREAM FOR THE CHURCH* Russ Merritt

*HYMN 730 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of 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

Announcements

Ushers for November 11, 2018 – Emily Allen, Allen Kling, Bob Newman

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 Sunday, November 11, 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.

We will collect Operation Christmas Child box at our November 11th 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.

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

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.

OUR ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS, "Going Deeper", is focused on guiding participants into a more encompassing discipleship and a more fully engaged spiritual pilgrimage. ALL members are encouraged to grow in their faith, and to join us each week at 10:00 for prayer, study, discussion, and discovery!

VOLUNTEER LAY LEADERS FOR WORSHIP are being recruited to help in our morning services. If you feel God leading you to assist in worship (scripture reading, prayer, children's messages, and so forth), please contact the Minister.

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 11th.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion
Monday	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Committee Memorial Bells
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Sarah Godsey
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

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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

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ² for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 2:38-44

³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common;