

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers*  
*Jyke Jones, Mac and Ann Pace*

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER, Pam Claterbaugh, once again to our pulpit, while the Merritts attend a family wedding. We thank Pam for her worship leadership, and we look forward to hearing her proclaim God's Word!

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*October Fourteenth the Year of Our Lord*  
*Two Thousand Eighteen*  
*Twenty first 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

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Mark 10:17-31

(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: Jesus the good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

**Congregation: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to Him.**

Minister: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

**Congregation: Our hearts rejoice, and we can place our trust in the good shepherd.**

Minister: Come, let us enter the gate with Thanksgiving!

**Congregation: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Amen**

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us, and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds. Amen**

\* HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. Amen**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister, from Heb. 9:18 and 24)

Hear Good News!

"Christ is the mediator of a new covenant with God, so that we may receive the promised eternal inheritance. His death has redeemed us from our transgressions, and he has entered heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\* 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 GOD'S WORD Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 10: 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' <sup>19</sup>Again the Jews were divided because of these words. <sup>20</sup>Many of them were saying, 'He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?' <sup>21</sup>Others were saying, 'These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?'

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*Why Does God Call Us Sheep?*

Pam Claterbaugh

\*HYMN 802

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

\*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 October 21, 2018 – Allen Kling, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

School address for Cameron O’Conner Massanutten Military Academy, C/O Cameron O’Conner, 614 S. Main St. Woodstock, VA 22664

The kids and their parents are invited to decorate pumpkins and make some Halloween crafts after church on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch. Please let Lynn Kirby ([lkirby7009@cox.net](mailto:lkirby7009@cox.net)) know how many in your family plan to join us so we have enough food and drink. Hope to see you there!

The Mission Committee is asking our church to bring any used clothing to be contributed to Blue Ridge Literacy, We will be gathering these clothing items until Sunday October 21 when they will be delivered to Blue Ridge Literacy. Thanks for your help.

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.

APPLE BUTTER TIME is upon us and we have a new approach this year! Since most of the “Young Adults” that began this fellowship tradition in 1989 are now retired, we will be procuring apples that have already been peeled and will be boiling the apples on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This should shorten the boiling time but does create some uncertainty regarding the exact volume that will be produced. As always, the delicious product will be available on a “first come – first served” basis and is \$8.00 per quart and \$5.00 per pint. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board outside the secretary’s office.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Operation Christmas Child boxes have to be delivered to a local church by mid-November. The mission committee has furnished the boxes and we hope that you will pick and fill one. Boxes are located in the narthex. Our boxes go to tropical areas so add a pair of sandals or flip-flops to your box this year. We will collect all boxes at our November 11<sup>th</sup> worship service.

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>.

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.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

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### **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