

\*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 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*The flowers are placed by Stan and Elise Lanford in memory of our parents  
Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Persinger and Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Lanford.*

*Ushers  
Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*October Twenty first the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Twenty second 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 38:1-7, 34-41; Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10

(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: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Congregants: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Minister: Those who love the Lord will know His deliverance.

**Congregants: When they call, God will answer them.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God of power and peace,**

**Light of the souls that love You,**

**Strength of the thoughts that seek You,**

**to turn from You is to fall, to turn to You is to rise,**

**and to abide in You is to stand fast forever.**

**Although we are unworthy to approach You,**

**or to ask anything of You,  
grant us this day Your grace, Your blessing,  
and Your presence in our gathered worship,  
that we might give You praise and thanksgiving,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
in whose name and love we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 12            *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change.  
Open to us a future in which we can be changed.  
Grant us grace to grow more and more  
in Your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)  
Hear Good News!  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin,  
and alive to all that is good!  
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 GOD'S WORD Psalm 104:1-9, 24

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, <sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, <sup>3</sup> you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, <sup>4</sup> you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. <sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. <sup>6</sup> You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. <sup>8</sup> They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. <sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. <sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

*Jesus Loves the Little Children  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Arr. Mark Patterson

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Romans 8:1-8

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## Announcements

Ushers for October 28, 2018 – Jyke Jones, Holly Woodson

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 SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING following the morning worship service next Sunday, October 28. All elders are encouraged to be present.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER of Northminster, contact the Minister.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our morning worship service on November 4. Please be in prayer and preparation for our gathering at the Lord’s Table.

ARTICLES FOR "THE LINK' CHURCH NEWSLETTER are now being received. You are encouraged to submit your articles to Debbie Newman as soon as possible for the November-December issue.

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.

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>.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday		Apple butter Boiling
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting Kids Crafts

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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