

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 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

As good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with the gifts you have received.
To God be the glory and the power forever and ever.

THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers
Jyke Jones, Holly Woodson

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

October Twenty eight the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen
Twenty third 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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28

(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: What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things He has done for us?

**Congregants: We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord!**

Minister: O praise the Lord with me.

Congregants: Let us exalt God's name together!

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God, Author and Giver of all good things,
be present in our gathering for worship.
Plant in our hearts the love of Your Son,
increase in our spirits the hunger to follow,**

**nourish our souls with Your Word for life,
and bring forth in us Your good works.
Open us to hear and to obey Your Holy Spirit,
for we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of life, now and eternal,
You created us in Your image
to care for one another and all creation,
to share Your good gifts,
to give of ourselves in Your service.
Forgive us for turning away from You,
ignoring the needs of our neighbors,
neglecting the needs of Your Church,
disobeying Your call to follow where You lead.
As the sun brings light and warmth to the cold,
make us anew to be signs of Your grace
to a broken and sinful world.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (minister)
In the waters of our baptism,
we are reminded that God has poured out
His mercy and blessings upon us.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace,
as you share His blessings with others.
In Christ, we are redeemed!

* 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 II Corinthians 8:7-15
⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he

became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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 *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Bob Newman

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 21:1-4
¹He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ²he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³He said, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.’

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *THE SERMON ON THE AMOUNT* Russ Merritt

*HYMN 697 *Take My Life*

*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**

Announcements

Ushers for November 4, 2018 – Dave Snider
Communion Servers – Dave Snider, Holly Woodson

The kids and their parents are invited to decorate pumpkins and make some Halloween crafts following the service today. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch. Please let Lynn Kirby (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 MEETS TODAY following the morning worship service. If you are interested in joining this congregation, please 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.

The Mission Committee is asking for our members to bring a loaf of white bread to church on each communion Sunday. This bread will be taken to the Presbyterian Community Center and given to those who need help. Thank you.

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.

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 11th 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 11th.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting Kids Crafts
Monday	5:30 pm	Memorial Bells
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion

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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