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 520 Taste and See

626 As the Deer

530 One Bread, One Body

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

*THE CHARGE AND 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.

Ushers Emily Allen, Frankie Bielawski, Margie Cundiff, Dave Snider

Communion Servers Frankie Bielawski, Barry Ferrell, Sarah Godsey, Lynn Kirby, Holly Woodson

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

October Seventh the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen World Communion 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

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 26; Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

(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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Maker of heaven and earth.

Congregants: This is the day that the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Congregants: Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, to Whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden, be with us in our praise and worship,

make our hearts and minds ready for Your Spirit to inspire, to heal, to correct, to strengthen, so that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess
that we have failed to seek Your Will.
You created us in Your image,
yet we dishonor Your holy name.
You call us to live as the Body of Christ,
yet we seek out separate ways.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the work of Your Spirit within us
make us holy and whole,
so that we might live for Your glory.
Hear these our silent prayers.

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

In his pastoral letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul writes: "The grace of God overflows for us, through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners." In his name and through his life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven. Praise 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 Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over

all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM Your Only Son Hymn 518

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 14:15-23

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' ¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." ¹⁹Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." ²⁰Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." ²²And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." ²³Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON THE GREAT BANQUET

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*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 October 14, 2018 – Jyke Jones, Mac and Ann Pace

EVENT – FIELDS OF FAITH IS TODAY Sunday, October7th 6-8:00pm at Salem Stadium, Former Denver Bronco. author, poet, lyricist, will be a special guest, more information can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the pastors office along with tickets if you would like to go.

The kids and their parents are invited to decorate pumpkins and make some Halloween crafts after church on October 28th. 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 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.

TODAY IN OUR WORLD COMMUNION service, we are asked to contribute to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Half of this offering will go to support ministries of peace and reconciliation done by Presbyterians across the globe. The other half will be used support peacemaking in our community and region. Envelopes for this special offering can be found in the bulletin

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 23rd. 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 11th worship service.

Presbyterian Women - The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2018. 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 mid-November.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion
Monday	6:00 pm	C. E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	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.

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Bobby Brammer Betty Dixon Michael Hambrick Jake Hayes Betty Hinkle Rose Howard Tom Kirby Jim Maile Flovd Moretz Ramona Ortiz Ann Pace Mac Pace **Buddy Smith** Sandy Smith Frances Stevens Bill Waddell George Wingeier Jo Ann Threlkeld 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