

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Acolytes
Amari Gilliard, Camden Newman

WE WELCOME PAM CLATERBAUGH to our pulpit this morning, while the Minister is away on study leave. Pam has recently completed the Presbytery's training program for elders to become Certified Lay Pastors, and we are delighted to have her in worship leadership with us today.

Announcements

Ushers for September 9, 2018 – John and Lee Ann Kabana

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL beginning September 9th will focus on spiritual life and growth for ALL persons regardless of age or place in life. EVERY member can learn more for their respective spiritual journey, so come and join us at 10:00 each Sunday morning.

NPC Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Mission Committee has held several organizational meetings to consider restarting an old idea that we should meet once a month for food, fellowship, and conversation. We are happy to announce that our group has decided to meet for breakfast on the second Thursday of each month at the Famous Anthony's restaurant in front of the Hollins Post Office on Williamson Road. Our gathering will be set for 8:30 AM and we will have a private dining area on most Thursdays. Occasionally, we may get merged with another group.

Famous Anthony's has a nice breakfast menu and is not expensive (by today's standard). We each pay for our own meal, but if you need help, speak to Russ and we can help out. We look forward to having you join us any time you can. You do not have to sign up and can decide to come at the last minute and we will be glad to see you. Russ is planning to attend and will share information about people and various things going on in our church. We had eleven members show up at our last meeting and hope to get more in the future. We hope to see YOU there for our next meeting on September 13 at 8:30 AM.

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.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September Second the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen

Fifteenth 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27

(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 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregants: His steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: Every generous act is a gift from God.

Congregants: He gives birth to us through the Word.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

God of grace and goodness,

You have given us minds to know You,

hearts to love and obey You,

and voices to sing Your praise.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit,

**so that we may celebrate Your glory
and worship You in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed Your way.
You lavish Your love upon us,
yet we let our hearts grow cold.
You wash us clean in Your mercy,
yet we defile ourselves in sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us a new spirit---
to love You and one another
even as You have loved us.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

Hear the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are made new,
we are washed clean, our sins are forgiven,
we are reconciled with God.
Praise his holy name!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory Be to the Father Hymn 581
**Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING GOD'S WORD Deuteronomy 7: 6-9

⁶For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

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.**

VOLUNTARY

Jeff Midkiff

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Peculiar People

Pam Claterbaugh

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service/ Rally Day
Monday		Labor Day
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

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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	Lois Hopkins
Jane Horeis	Rose Howard	Tom Kirby
Margie Lemon	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Jenny Nabywaniec	Bob Newman	Ramona Ortiz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Karen 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