

*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 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers
John Kabana, Bob Newman

Acolytes
Amari Gilliard, Camden Newman

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of
R.M. (Jack) Camper. He served the Lord faithfully and he cared for the
family he loved with all his heart.*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*September Ninth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Sixteenth 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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17

(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: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

**Congregants: The Lord has done great things for us,
we are glad indeed.**

Minister: We come before Him in worship and adoration.

**Congregants: We enter His presence with praise
and thanksgiving.**

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God our heavenly Father,
the reality of Your amazing grace**

**breaks upon us like a mighty wave.
Your love for us in Jesus Christ is astounding!
We come now before You in worship,
seeking to give You praise and thanksgiving
for all Your many blessings and mercies.
Open our hearts, our spirits, our minds,
and give us eyes to see Your glory,
ears to hear Your Word,
and faith to act in holiness and obedience.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: The proof of God's amazing love is this:
that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God
with confidence. Trusting in His grace, we confess our sins.
Let us pray.

**Congregants: Holy and merciful God, we confess
our failure to be what You created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.
By Your loving mercy, forgive us,
and help us to live in Your light and abide in Your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.**
(Congregants will continue in silent prayer)

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

Hear Good News!
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone, a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.
Praise be to God!

* 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 Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' ¹³And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 *Let All Things Now Living* Hymn 37

RALLY DAY PRESENTATION

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *AS A CHILD* Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

Announcements

Ushers for September 16, 2018 – Allen Kling

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY and 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.

We would like to thank Betty Dixon for her diligent work that she did on the picture directory that is in the vestibule. As we all know she got members of the congregation to let Chuck take their picture and then she was able to get information about each member. We really appreciate the time she put in making this directory available to us all. Thank you so much, Betty.

We have a little over 15 weeks until Christmas and 10 weeks until Operation Christmas Child boxes have to be in Charlotte, NC. 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.

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.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Thursday	8:30 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at Famous Anthony’s
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
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

10:30 am

Summer Worship