

*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 *We Lift our Voices* Hymn 710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord use our lives; they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

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*THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 708 Verse One

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Jeremy Newman, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Liturgist

Dana Esworthy

Acolytes

Mia Esworthy and Abbie Caldwell

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

April Fourteenth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

Palm 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11

(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 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Verse One)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang; To Jesus who had blessed them Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Congregants: Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: Rejoice greatly, all God's people.

Congregants: Shout aloud, all followers of the Lord.

Minister: Behold, your king comes to you.

Congregants: Triumphant and victorious is he!

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Everlasting God, Lord of life and goodness,
in Your tender love for the human race
You sent Your Son to take our nature,**

Announcements

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with The Dixon and Brammer families, following the death of Betty Dixon, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Betty's heavenly welcome.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with Frances Bowling whose sister Charlotte Sartin died last week. Funeral service was April 12, 2019 in Rich Creek VA.

Ushers for April 21, 2019 – Hunter and Vee Hayes, Bob Newman
Communion Servers – Greg and Margie Cundiff, Ray Williams

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS THURSDAY EVENING, April 18, at 7:00. We will host our sister congregation, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, and its minister, Vernie Bolden, will be our preacher. Holy communion will be celebrated. Make your plans now to attend.

The Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza will be held at this Saturday at 10:00 am April 20, 2019. Candy donations are welcome!! Please contact Kimberly O'Conner if you have any questions!

COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Northminster will share with worshippers from other neighboring congregations for a Good Friday mid-day service, to be held this Friday at noon on April 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church (on Williamson Road across from Hardee's). Mayor Sherman Lea, a Baptist preacher, will be sharing the message, and other parts of the service will be led by local ministers. A soup and salad fellowship luncheon will follow. Make your plans to attend.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday morning during our Easter resurrection celebration service. Let us come to the Lord's Table with rejoicing!

Easter Cross: This year the Presbyterian Women are planning to display a cross in honor or remembrance of loved ones! The cost will be \$5.00. Please complete the insert in today's bulletin and return to the church office by April 14th, or place it in the offering plate today. With your contribution, you will honor your loved ones and help many others through the Presbyterian Center.

Youth Sunday date is May 19, 2019. A spaghetti luncheon will be held immediately after the service, with proceeds to support the youth mission project (Goats for Rwanda project in Africa). Please plan to attend this service to support our youth!! More information will be forthcoming regarding the mission project.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-26 (5:30-8:00 pm) We are teaming with Williamson Road Church of the Brethren and Bethany Christian churches. The location will be Bethany Church on Fleming Avenue. A meal will be served and adult classes will be offered. Please make plans to attend!! Volunteers are needed to make this a success so, prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents.

The PW will be collecting the following items for Sunnyside residents (male and female) as their summer project. We would greatly appreciate everyone pitching in to help make this project a success. A large container has been placed in the Narthex for items collected. Thank you for your help. Soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, after shave, tissues, note cards, puzzles, crossword puzzle books.

We are in need of Children's books for the Little Free Library. If you have new or used (in good condition) books that you would like to donate, please place them in the secretary's office. Thank you.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service / Communion
Saturday	10:00 am	Easter Egg Extravaganza
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Easter Service / Communion

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Pastor Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Susie Tallmage, Secretary Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant
Ministers...Members of Northminster

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	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 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Holly Woodson
Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Susan Graybill, Lynn Kirby,
Bob Newman, Dave Snider
Class of 2021: Vee Hayes, Judy Ferrell, Chuck Lockard, Jeremy Newman,
Ray Williams

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 19:28-48

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' ⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.' ⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, 'It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer"; but you have made it a den of robbers.' ⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.