

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *A PERFECT BODY WITH IMPERFECT PARTS* Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*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 *Let Us Build a House* Hymn 301

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God and to remember on her 115th birthday the beautiful life of Obelia Gross Camper who loved the Lord, her family, and the children she taught.

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

*February Seventeenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26

(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 744 *Arise, your light is come!*

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shows on you today.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 1)

Minister: Blessed are those who find their joy
in the Lord God.

**Congregants: They are like trees planted
by streams of water, that prosper and grow.**

Minister: The Lord watches over the path
of the righteous.

**Congregants: May God number us with the righteous
as we come before Him in worship.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**O God, You are like an ever-flowing stream,
watering the earth and refreshing creation.
We draw from Your Holy Spirit life-giving sustenance.**

**We are cleansed of our sinfulness
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
We receive from Your Word wisdom to guide us.
We gather now to sing praises to You
for Your life-giving care of us each day.
Bless us now in our worship of You,
through the saving blood of Jesus. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 641 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)
We gather before our God
knowing that we have fallen short of His glory
and we are not worthy of His goodness.
But in Jesus Christ there is God's promise
that we are made clean and new,
as we confess our transgressions
and repent of our sinfulness.
So let us come to God with our prayers.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of mercy, forgive us of our sinfulness.
We confess that our deeds
too often do not match our words.
We mouth pious slogans
but fail to help correct injustices.
We claim to be righteous,
while rejecting others and leaving hurts unhealed.
We glory in Your many gifts,
and yet we do not use them for Your Kingdom.
Help us to proclaim the risen Christ
in all our words, deeds, and thoughts.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)
Hear the Good News!
Christ has been raised from the dead
so that all will be made alive in him.
I assure you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Let us live in Christ, and glorify God in heaven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, "oo," marching, we are marching in the light
of, the light of God. (repeat)**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, ¹⁵ showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

Walk in the Light

arr. Andre Thomas (Insert)

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 6:1-7

¹Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Ushers
Margie Cundiff, Vee Hayes, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Lay Liturgist
Judy Moore

Announcements

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with the family of Eloise Dunagan. Eloise passed from this life into the eternal glory of God last week, and joined the Church Triumphant, and is now with our Lord. Plans regarding a memorial worship service are being made, and will be shared with the congregation when complete. We thank God for His love and care in this time of loss.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY shares its deep love and support with Hope Hale and Frankie Bielawski and their families following the passing of their aunt, Dot Copenhaver, into the eternal embrace of our Lord.

Ushers for February 24, 2019 – Holly Woodson

There will be a Congregational meeting this morning after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two members of the congregation to the 2019 Nominating Committee. The Book of Order requires 2 active Elders, 2 members of the congregation and 1 lady from The Presbyterian Women. This committee nominates Elders for the following year. If you want to nominate someone please ask the person before the meeting.

HUNGER BUSTER BAGS WILL BE COLLECTED TODAY FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CENTER

THE SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, February 24th, following the morning worship service.

Souper Bowl Sunday was a huge success! Many thanks to All of you who made soup and to our youth who did a great job of serving. Also, thank you to those who contributed to the Presbyterian Community Center and Soup for Seniors.

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.

Presbytery of the Peaks and CEDEPCA are sponsoring a Listen and Learn Trip to Sumpango, Guatemala from October 28-November 3rd. You will witness the "Day of the Dead" celebration with a giant kite festival. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Sandy Schlaudecker at 540-941-1314 or email her at

spspas@aol.com.

Habitat for Humanity will begin to break ground for the 2019 Apostles Build this spring. The build will take place from April-August at 1716 Loudon Avenue. If you would like to volunteer, they would love to have you. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! You can find more information on the bulletin board across from the office. If you are interested in putting faith into action, contact Jenny Lee at 540-344-0747 ext. 103 or email her at jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org.

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		Congregational Meeting
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Session Meeting

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

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

Lord our Lord Thy glorious Name. Jesus, the Light of the world; All Thy wondrous works proclaim Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

In the heavens with radiant signs Jesus, the Light of the world; Evermore Thy glory shines Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)