

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*BE MY WITNESSES!*

Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

\*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 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers*

*John and Lee Ann Kabana, Dave Snider*

*Lay Liturgist*

*Stan Lanford*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*February Tenth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Nineteen*

*Fifth 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!

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**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 6:1-8; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

(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 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)

Minister: Jesus said: "You are the light of the world."

**Congregants: Let our light shine, giving glory to God!**

Minister: The Lord asks: "Who shall I send,

who will go for me?"

**Congregants: Let us answer: "Here am I, send me."**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of grace and glory, of goodness and joy,**

**You have appointed us to be Your witnesses,**

**to be the light that shines in this dark world.**

**Let us show forth the bright hope You give to us,**

**through our words, our deeds, our lives,**

**and proclaim Your love revealed in Christ Jesus.**

**Be with us now in fellowship and worship  
as we sing Your praise and listen for Your Word.  
Through Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 386 *Come, Worship God*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)  
The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ,  
who came into the world to save us sinners.  
With that in mind, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
transform us from what we are,  
and shape what we shall become,  
so that we may delight in Your Will  
and walk in Your ways and Your paths  
all our days, to the glory of Your holy Name.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)  
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven! Praise God!

\* 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 93

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; <sup>2</sup> your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. <sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. <sup>4</sup> More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! <sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

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

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Mark Patterson

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

We continue to sing the new hymn, 314, Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness. The hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the light of the world and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world.

### Announcements

Ushers for February 17, 2019 – Vee Hayes

**There will be a Congregational meeting held Next Sunday, February 17 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 TIME is here again. We will collect Hunger Buster bags for the Presbyterian Center. Please pick up a Hunger Buster bag, fill it up and bring it back to the church next Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your help with this mission.**

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.

Just a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes from the Stated Session meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

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](mailto: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 est. 103 or email her at [jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org](mailto:jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org).

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

#### **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