

*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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Congregational Hymns 518 *Your Only Son*

523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 772 *Live into Hope*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February Third the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

Fourth 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 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30

(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: We have traveled to this holy place

to worship God together.

**Congregants: We have come seeking a Word from God,
a whisper of assurance from the One Who calls us.**

Minister: We have come longing for a glimpse of God

and a vision of the world that God is making.

**Congregants: In our worship, praise, learning, and praying,
may God focus our sight through the lens of His love.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Living, loving, and ever-present God,

You are active among us and in us and through us,

continually renewing this world,

**mending broken hearts, restoring hope,
reconciling us to each other.
Your strength never fails!
In this season of cold days and long dark nights,
You feed the inner fires of our spirits.
Be with us in our gathering this morning
that we might hear Your Word
and heed Your call to follow where You lead.
Nourish us at Your Table of grace,
invigorate us with the vitality of Your Spirit,
and energize us with Your love,
which is ours through the gift of Jesus Christ,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)
God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.
His mercy is as wide as the seas.
Surely He will forgive our iniquities,
and He will restore a right spirit within us.
Let us repent of our sins as we share our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Before time began, O God,
You knew us and You loved us.
Before we have uttered a prayer, O God,
You hear us and You answer.
You call us to reflect Your love,
to be Your love to one another in this broken world.
But too often, we are self-centered and sinful,
and we ourselves add to life's brokenness.
Too often, we are greedy and apathetic,
serving self instead of giving love.
Too often we are shallow followers,
content with comfort rather than compassion.
Forgive us, God of mercy and grace,
and love us into wholeness in You.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)
Great are the works of the Lord!
He has made the mountains and filled the oceans.
He has placed the stars in the skies above.
But most amazing of all is His love for each of us,
so that in Christ He has forgiven us of our sins
and has promised us eternal life with Him!
Praise be to 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 19:1-6
¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Heaven Shall Not Wait* Hymn 773 (Insert)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 12:12-31a (Insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *HERE ON PURPOSE* Dr. Merritt

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

Ushers

Emily Allen, Bob Newman, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Communion Servers

Emily Allen, Judy Ferrell, John Kabana, Bob Newman, Ray Williams

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

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 10, 2019 –

SOUPER BOWL IS TODAY! Please plan to stay after church and enjoy a variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts. There is no cost for the lunch but donations will be accepted to benefit the Presbyterian Community Center and Soup for the Seniors. If you choose to donate canned soup, it will be delivered to League of Older Americans/Soup for Seniors.

There will be a Congregational meeting held on 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 by February 17th. We appreciate your help with this mission.

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.

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.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion Souper Bowl Lunch
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Debbie Newman
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School 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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend: Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least: Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege: to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas, thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain: Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action; his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection; his power and love are for now and then for evermore.