

*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 OF DEDICATION 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers
Holly Woodson*

WE HONOR AND PLEDGE SUPPORT to our newest elders. Being ordained and installed today in the Class of 2021 are Vee Hayes, Jeremy Newman, and Ray Williams. Being ordained and installed in the Class of 2019 (to fill an open term) is Susan Graybill. Being installed (previously ordained) in the Class of 2021 are Judy Ferrell and Chuck Lockard. May the Holy Spirit be with them, and guide their service!

Today we begin to learn a 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.

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

*January Twenty seventh the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
Third 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a (Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

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: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Congregants: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

Minister: Jesus said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

Congregants: May the Word of God be fulfilled among us.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Almighty God, by grace alone You call us,

and You accept us into Your service.

Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit,

and make us worthy of Your call.

Be with us now in our morning gathering

as we give You praise and listen for Your Word,

**and open our hearts, minds, and spirits
to be drawn closer to You.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Minister)

God calls for our repentance,
and promises forgiveness in Christ.
As members of Christ's Body,
we confess the reality of sin and our captivity,
and our brokenness in personal and common life,
and we ask for God's saving grace.
Let us come to God with our shared and silent prayers.

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 by what we have left undone.
We have not loved and followed 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,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in Your Will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy Name.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

* 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 71:1-6

¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

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 *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson (Insert)

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *LOVE IN ACTION* Dr. Merritt

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

Announcements

Ushers for February 3, 2019 – Emily Allen, Bob Newman, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

THE SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting today Sunday, January 27th, following the morning worship service.

An ice skating outing is being planned for today January 27 at Lancerlot Sports Complex in Vinton. Public skating begins at 1:00 p.m. This outing is open to all ages!!! Please let Dana or Frankie know if you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday in our morning worship service. All members are encouraged to join us at the Lord's Table, and to be in prayerful preparation leading up to our gathering. The Mission committee will be collecting sandwich bread that day to take to the Presbyterian Center.

I've moved into assisted living in Hickory NC, after breaking my foot over Thanksgiving and having a stroke Christmas Eve. I am doing well and improving everyday, and looking forward to the activities offered at Brookdale! Phone calls, cards and visits are greatly appreciated!
Rose Howard Brookdale Hickory Northeast, 2530 16th Street NE, Hickory NC 28601 (my cell#) 540-355-7379

SERVE ON A PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE! Our Presbytery of the Peaks is seeking volunteers to help in the work of our regional Presbyterian ministry. There is a variety of areas of service available, from mission and outreach to administration and youth work. If you are interested in being part of this important work, contact the Minster.

Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 3rd. 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.

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 sspas@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.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY HAS MANY BOOKS available to church members, to guide you in your respective spiritual journeys, Members are encourage to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to deepen their spiritual knowledge and understanding of the faith.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 1:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting Ice Skating Outing
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service/Communion Souper Bowl Lunch

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

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole, let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.