

THE OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

arr. McChesney

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

*Many thanks to Susan Lockard, Paula Jones, Lauren Godsey, and the Bell Choir
for their contribution to our music today!*

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

Ushers

Margie Cundiff, Lynn Kirby, Mac and Ann Pace

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember Kallie Cameron who was presented for baptism by her parents, Kevin and Emma on January 3, 2016. Celebrating with them was a special friend, Lois Hopkins. It is our hope that Kevin and Emma have felt the prayers of the church in raising Kallie in the Christian faith.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*January Sixth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
Epiphany 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

Fantasia #7, Presto

G. PH. Telemann

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

(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 136 *Go Tell it On the Mountain* (Refrain)

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that
Jesus Christ is born!**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Arise and shine, for your light has come!

Congregants: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Minister: Tell the good news throughout the earth.

Congregants: The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Minister: Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

Congregants: We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Everlasting God,

the radiance of faithful souls,

Who brought the nations to Your light

and kings to the brightness of Your rising,

fill the world with Your glory, we pray,

and show Yourself to the nations.

**Be with us now in our worship,
our praise, our supplication,
our openness to hear and know and follow,
through the One who is the true light
and the bright morning star,
Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,
in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of glory, You sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal Your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of Your light.
We turn away from the poor,
we ignore the cries for justice,
we do not strive for peace.
In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of Your Spirit,
so that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth Your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

God judges the nations with righteousness,
and answers the poor with justice.
His mercy is like rain, like showers that water the earth.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 113 (Refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glorie in excelsis Deo!

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons

shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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.

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Revelation 21:1-8

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

MAKING A NEW BEGINNING

Dr. Merritt

*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.

Announcements

Ushers for January 13, 2019 – Allen Kling, Chuck Lockard, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

THE PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY will meet this Thursday from 10:00 until 3:00 at Northminster. It is an honor for our congregation to host this important work of our regional leadership.

A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held next Sunday, January 13, at the end of the morning worship service, for the purpose of receiving information on the church's budget for 2019. While no action is scheduled to be taken, this is a wonderful opportunity for members to become more involved in and informed about the life and workings of the congregation.

Northminster received a word of thanks from Bryce Wiebe, Director of Presbyterian Missions Special Offerings for our support of three special offerings. We sent \$202.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$112.50 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and \$157.20 for the Pentecost Offering. Thanks to all who gave so generously to these special offerings. If you would like to read the whole letter, it will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Have you checked the decorations in the narthex? The mitten tree is waiting for you to cover it with mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. for children at the Presbytery Center, Rescue Mission, Ram and Salvation Army. Our snow last week may be just a beginning. The little ones need you!!!

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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLEDGE CARD for your 2019 financial support of God's work at Northminster, please contact Barry Ferrell, Stewardship Chair.

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Presbytery Committee on Ministry
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Congregational 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 2018: Dana Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace
Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Plymale,
Holly Woodson
Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Lynn Kirby, Bob Newman,
Dave Snider