

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 Hymn 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Hymn 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

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.

Ushers

Margie Cundiff, Matt and Susan Graybill, Lynn Kirby

Communion Servers

Emily Allen, Vee Hayes, Walt and Marie Haines, Holly Woodson

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

March Tenth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

First Sunday in Lent

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

Dt. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13

(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 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: God's promise is for all generations.

Congregants: God's covenant is with every living thing.

Minister: The Word of God is life for us.

Congregants: Call on the Lord and you will be saved.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Almighty and ever-present God,

we come before You in praise and in need.

Touch us this morning with Your wisdom,

with Your peace, with Your strength.

Give us grace to direct our lives

in obedience to Your Holy Spirit,

so that in our weakness and hunger

**we may know Your power to save,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Minister)

This is the proof of God's great love,
that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of mercy,
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from You
and have turned aside from Your Way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed to love, neglected justice,
ignored the needy, and twisted Your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

God's love has been poured into your hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Listen, so that you might live:

the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy*

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 55:1-13 (Insert)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Wonderful Peace arr. Steve J. Sandberg*

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight rolls a melody sweeter than psalm; in celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls o'er my soul like an infinite calm.

Refrain: Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above. Sweep over my spirit forever I pray, in fathomless billows of love.

Peace like a river in my soul, I've got peace like a river, there's peace like a river in my soul.
(Refrain)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 4:1-26 (Insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Minister)

THE SERMON *JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN* Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 739 *O For a closer Walk with Thee*

*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 Hymn 708 Verse One

**We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust,
O Lord, from thee.**

Announcements

Ushers for March 17, 2019 – Hunter and Vee Hayes, Allen Kling

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION is being delivered today by elders Bob Newman, Jeremy Newman, Dave Snider, and John Kabana. They carry our prayers and love to several homebound members of our church family.

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR Pam Claterbaugh will lead us in worship next Sunday, March 17, while the Merritts are attending a family gathering in South Carolina.

Allen Kling would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and well wishes during his recent illness. He is feeling better now and things are almost back to normal.

Betty Hinkle would like to thank the church members for the Valentines, calls, cards and visits.

Many thanks to our Church family for your love and support during the death of our Aunt, Dorothy Copenhaver. Your cards, food, and calls were comforting and most appreciated. Bob and Frankie Bielawski

Hockey Game Outing at the Berglund Center on March 23rd game time at 7:05 pm. Dana Esworthy will provide tickets (\$5.00 each.) There is a folder in the narthex with the tickets and a box to deposit your money. This is an event for all ages and friends! Any questions, please contact Frankie Bielawski.

The Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza will be held at 10:00 am April 20, 2019. Candy donations are welcome!! Please contact Kimberly O'Conner if you have any questions!

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 / Communion
Monday	6:30 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

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 55:1-13

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 4:1-26

¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'—² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

