

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

\*THE CHARGE

\*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 placed by Sydney Bowling Duncan in honor of her mother, Frances Bowling, on her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 18.*

*Ushers*

*Hunter and Vee Hayes, Allen Kling*

*Acolytes*

*Lilly Hayes, Camden Newman*

Today's Prelude Music is from a book of familiar hymn tunes and settings. The hymn title is 'O Christ the Same' and the tune is familiar to us (particularly this time of year) 'Londonderry Air.'

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*March Seventeenth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Nineteen*

*Second 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!

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 9: 28-36

(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: Wait for the Lord; be strong!

**Congregants: The promises of God will never be broken.**

Minister: With God as our light, what is there to fear?

**Congregants: The promises of God will never be broken.**

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Congregants: The promises of God will never be broken.**

**ALL: Amen**

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God: Your Son Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem and longs to gather your children under the wings of your love. We confess that often our thoughts, words and actions have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. We have spurned your word and grieved your heart. Forgive us, loving God. Though we have wandered far from home, help us to know that we are never out of the reach of your love. Give us grace to hear your call so that we might return to you. Lead us again to embrace the truth of your Word and to trust your never failing love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy* (Insert)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.**

### GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 27: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to 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.**

ANTHEM *We Lift our Voices*

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord use our lives; they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 13: 31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." ' '

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Minister)

THE SERMON

*The Fox and The Hen*

Pam Claterbaugh

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 343

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

\*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

*Be Still, My Soul*

\*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

WE WELCOME PAM CLATERBAUGH to our pulpit this morning, while the Merritts are away at a family gathering. Pam is a Presbytery Commissioned Pastor, and an elder at Green Ridge Presbyterian.

Ushers for March 24, 2019 – Matt and Susan Graybill, John and Lee Ann Kabana

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.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE MEETS this Wednesday at 4:45. If you would like to be part of the congregation's outreach, contact the Committee Chair, Lynn Kirby.

We are in need of candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. If you can donate candy please leave it in the church office by April 7<sup>th</sup>, Thank you.

Hockey Game Outing at the Berglund Center on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, March 24th, following the morning worship service.

We are making a new address directory. Please check out the sheets on the table in the narthex for any changes that need to be made by your name.

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](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).

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy* (Insert)  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.**

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	4:45 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Saturday	7:05 pm	Hockey Game Outing at The Berglund Center
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Session 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 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

