

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and our minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
so that as Your Word is proclaimed
we may hear with joy and openness
what You say to us this day.
We pray through the living Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE SERMON

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*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 *We Lift our Voices* Hymn 710

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.

*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.**

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*March Thirty first the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
Fourth 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

Joshua 5:1-9; II Corinthians 5:16-21

(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, from Psalm 34)

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times,

His praise will be continually on my lips.

**Congregants: My soul glories in the Lord,
let all the people hear and rejoice.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the greatness of God,

let us come together to extol His name.

**Congregants: We seek God, and He answers us,
He frees us from all our fears.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Gracious God, You alone are the light of the world.
In the darkness of our sinfulness and brokenness,
You have come in Jesus Christ to shine Your light**

**of love, and joy, and peace, and hope.
Come to us now, we pray, and bless our worship.
Help us to learn what pleases You,
to hear what Your Word says to our hearts,
to see and to follow where you lead us,
and to live in Your truth and goodness.
We pray through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
But when we confess our sins,
God Who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Let us share in our prayer of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Merciful God, Lord of grace and mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, in word, and in deed,
by what we have done
and what we have left undone.
We have not loved or followed You
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to change what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)
The mercy of the Lord our God
is from everlasting to everlasting,
and is greater than all our sinfulness.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 32:1-7, 11

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah ⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah
¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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 Lord is Mindful of His Own* Felix Mendelssohn
But the Lord is mindful of his own, He rememb'reth his children.
Bow down before him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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Ushers

Emily Allen, Chuck Lockard, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Liturgist

Barry Ferrell

Acolytes

Nicole Pacquette and Jace Newman

Announcements

Ushers for April 7, 2019 – Matt and Susan Graybill, Bob Newman, Jeremy Newman

Circle 2 will meet at Alice Bakers house on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

New Address for Barbara Jones 11 North Broad Street, Salem VA. 24153

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.

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 7th, Thank you.

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!

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, on Thursday evening, April 18, at 7:00. We will host our sister congregation, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, and its minster, Vernie Bolden, will be our preacher. Holy communion will be celebrated. Make your plans now to attend.

COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Northminster will share with worshippers from other neighboring congregations for a Good Friday mid-day service, to be held at noon on April 19 at Trinity Lu-theran Church (on Williamson Road across from Hardee's). Mayor Sherman Lea, a Baptist preacher, will be sharing the message, and other parts of the service will be led by local ministers. A soup and salad fellowship luncheon will follow. Make your plans to attend.

Easter Cross: This year the Presbyterian Women are planning to display a cross in honor or remembrance of loved ones.! The cost will be \$5.00. Please complete the insert in today's bulletin and return to the church office by April 14th, or place it in the offering plate today. With your contribution, you will honor your loved ones and help many others through the Presbyterian Center.

LAY LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are important in our worship experience each week. If you would like to serve as a liturgist in our worship service, contact the Minister.

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.

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Alice Baker
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells 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

