

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Lord's Table

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

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Congregational Hymn 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

Verse 1-3

522 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Hunter and Vee Hayes, Bob Newman

Communion Servers

Greg and Margie Cundiff, Ray Williams

Acolytes

Amia and Amari Newman

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

April Twenty first the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

Easter 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!

THE REFITTING OF THE SANCTUARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 248 (Verse 1) *Hymn to Joy*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Minister: Christ died for our sins, was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Minister: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Minister: He came to us, that we might believe
and proclaim this good news to all the world.

Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Minister: So come, let us worship our living Lord!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Glory to You, O God!

**You have won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave
and giving us eternal life.**

**Glory to you, O Christ,
for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

**Glory to You, O Holy Spirit,
You lead us into the truth.**

**Glory to You, O blessed Trinity,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Minister)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
So trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*THE CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that too often we remain captive
to doubt and fear, to selfish desires and foolish pride,
bound by the ways that lead to death of spirit.
We overlook the poor, the hungry, the refugee,
and pass by those who mourn.**

**We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and do not respond to the calls for peace.
We ignore the weak and misuse Your gifts.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust in Your power of love,
the power to transform our lives and make us new,
so that we may know the joy of life abundant,
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Minister: Jesus our Christ has come to our world
of sorrow and sin, of sickness and death.

He comes to us who need him, to the broken and lost,

he has borne our burdens, he has carried our sorrows.

In him, we find our forgiveness and salvation.

Believe and rejoice in what he has accomplished.

By his wounds we are healed,

and death no longer has dominion!

Congregants: Alleluia! Praise be to God!

* RESPONSE Hymn 236 (Verse 1) *The Strife is O'er*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The
song of triumph has begun. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 65:17-25 (Insert)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *The Day of Resurrection!* arr. Brian Wentzel (Insert)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 24:1-12 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of Your risen and living Word.
Enliven our hearts now by Your Holy Spirit,
so that we might hear and live the Good News
of eternal and abundant life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON *IT IS AN EASTER WORLD* Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 277 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* (Verses 1-4)

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison selections from scripture)

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Announcements

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with The Dixon and Brammer families, following the death of Betty Dixon, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Betty's heavenly welcome.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with Frances Bowling whose sister Charlotte Sartin died last week. Funeral service was April 12, 2019 in Rich Creek VA.

Ushers for April 28, 2019 – Tom and Jane Olsen, Holly Woodson

Frances Bowling sincerely appreciates your cards, calls, and kind expressions of sympathy in the death of her dear sister, Charlotte. What a blessing it is to have Northminster friends.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Easter egg hunt. Every piece was used for the hunt and the shut in baskets. The children of Northminster appreciate your kindness. A special thank you to Debbie Newman for the cookies the children decorated at the hunt. Kim

BY ACTION OF THE NORTHMINSTER SESSION, and under the guidance of the Presbytery of the Peaks, representatives from our congregation are in conversation with representatives from our sister congregation, Green Ridge Presbyterian, regarding a possible collaborative ministry. Please be in prayer for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in this important effort.

VOICES OF FAITH, an ecumenical organization seeking to build bridges of understanding between persons of all religions, will hold its annual pot luck supper at Northminster next Sunday evening, April 28. If you are interested in helping to host the gathering, or in attending and learning more about the program, contact the Minister.

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS WILL MEET AT NORTHMINSTER on Saturday, May 4, with around 175 commissioners representing 115 congregations from throughout the Roanoke, New River Valley, and Southside regions. We need volunteers to help us host this big gathering! Please contact the Minister, or meeting coordinator Ann Pace, and let us know what you can do to help!

Youth Sunday date is May 19, 2019. A spaghetti luncheon will be held immediately after the service, with proceeds to support the youth mission project (Goats for Rwanda project in Africa). Please plan to attend this service to support our youth!! More information will be forthcoming regarding the mission project.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-26 (5:30-8:00 pm) We are teaming with Williamson Road Church of the Brethren and Bethany Christian churches. The location will be Bethany Church on Fleming Avenue. A meal will be served and adult classes will be offered. Please make plans to attend!! Volunteers are needed to make this a success so, prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents.

The PW will be collecting the following items for Sunnyside residents (male and female) as their summer project. We would greatly appreciate everyone pitching in to help make this project a success. A large container has been placed in the Narthex for items collected. Thank you for your help. Soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, after shave, tissues, note cards, puzzles, crossword puzzle books.

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	Sunday School Easter Service / Communion
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Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
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Russ Merritt, Transitional Pastor	Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Susie Tallmage, Secretary	Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant
Ministers...Members of Northminster	

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	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, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Holly Woodson
Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Susan Graybill, 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 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ANTHEM *The Day of Resurrection!* arr. Brian Wentzel

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, power, and glory ascribe to God alone!

