

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

**GO FAITHFULLY**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers  
Hunter and Vee Hayes, Judy Moore*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*November Tenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Nineteen  
Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost*

**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

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9; II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

(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 386 *Come, Worship God* (Psalm 95)

**Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people's salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive, from Josh. 24 and II Thes. 2)

Minister: Choose this day whom you will serve.

**Congregants: We will serve and obey  
the Lord our God.**

Minister: Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.

**Congregants: God will strengthen us  
in word and deed.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**O God, Lord of great and small,  
Your blessed Son came into the world  
that he might destroy the works of evil**

**and make us children of God  
and heirs of the promise of eternal life.  
Having this hope, we come to worship,  
to praise, to pray, to hear Your Word.  
Make of us willing instruments of Your Will,  
and bring us closer to our Savior,  
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we delude ourselves,  
for we are indeed in need of God's forgiveness.  
Let us come to God with open hearts and spirits,  
and confess our brokenness.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Holy Father, You are Creator of all, seen and unseen.  
You alone are the sole source of all grace and virtue.  
Yet we confess that we have not followed Your path.  
We have not served You, nor our fellow man.  
We have not zealously shared Your love,  
nor have we sought or obeyed Your guidance.  
Forgive our self-centeredness, O Lord.  
Heal us of our wounds and wash us clean, we pray.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Surely the Lord is in this place.  
In His presence we find grace,  
we know mercy, we are loved.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Praise be to God!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Gloria Hymn 583 *Glory to God  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 16:1-2, 5-8

1Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. 2I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; apart from you I have no good thing."  
3LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. 4The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. 5I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. 6I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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

*Let All the People Praise Thee*

Natalie Sleeth

Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forevermore. Let all the nations bless thee! Let all of the nations bless thee now, O God, and bow before! Let every creature thee adore, and spread thy truth from shore to shore! O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *GIVING THANKS IN ALL THINGS* Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## Announcements

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO GOD'S GOODNESS AND HIS PROMISES, in celebration of the life of Kim Merritt, will be held this Saturday morning, November 16, at 11:00 in the sanctuary. A reception and time of greeting and fellowship will follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and to share their support and love with the extended Merritt family.

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE with the family of Frank Bond, a former elder with Green Ridge. Frank joined the Church Triumphant this past week, after a lifetime of serving our Lord.

WE WELCOME JOE AND KAREN GWITT into the fellowship of service and community of worship that is Northminster. Joe and Karen, it is good to have you as part of our family!

Ushers for November 17, 2019 – Frankie Bielawski, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

Shirley still lives at Assisted Living in Room 319 but Mike wants her mail sent to him. He will see that she gets all personal mail – cards, etc.- and you can visit her there (and are welcomed warmly). New address is Shirly Wynn 403 McIntosh Road, Roanoke VA. 24019

With Christmas around the corner, we are beginning to think about Operation Christmas Child. Boxes and labels are available for pick up in the narthex. Please pick up a box and fill it. You can find ideas on the website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox-suggestions/> or look at the label brochure. Please bring your boxes to church by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we need to be getting our pies ready for the Rescue Mission. Remember one of our projects is to provide pies for the Rescue Mission Thanksgiving dinner. They will love to have any kind of pies you can provide – any flavor- and they can be homemade, frozen, bakery, or whatever. The stores often have specials in these weeks before Thanksgiving. Bring them to church that Sunday before Thanksgiving. We usually have around 35 or 40. With our blended congregation wouldn't it be nice if we had 50 or 60? If you forget on Sunday, bring them to church on the following Monday.

We will be continuing a Green Ridge Presbyterian tradition of having Thanksgiving lunch after church on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Turkey, dressing, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert will be the menu that day. In order to have enough, please take time to complete the reservation form and put it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact someone on the Mission Committee.

The Mission Committee will begin collecting adult and kids' coats and kid's clothes for Blue Ridge Literacy. Because of space restrictions, they cannot take anything else.

The Mission Committee will begin collecting shoes for RAM beginning in October. Please put them in a separate bag than the items collected for Blue Ridge Literacy.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2020. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a Bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 769-8736 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

THE MINISTER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be offered each Sunday at 10:00, prior to worship, and is open to everyone seeking to learn more of God's teachings. Come join us each week (and bring your Bible!).

### Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Session Meeting

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary              Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant  
Ministers...Members of Northminster

If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

### **Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.**

#### **Members**

Bobby Brammer	Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Betty Hinkle	Barbara Jones	Bob Lancaster
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld		

#### **Friends and Family**

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

