

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 797     *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

\*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 625     *O Lord My God*

\*THE CHARGE (Minister)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

*Ushers*

*Frankie Bielawski, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*November Seventeenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Nineteen  
Twenty third 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 PREPARATIO

Isaiah 65:17-25; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

(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)

Minister: We come in reverence into the presence of God!

**Congregants: The Lord Almighty is at hand.**

Minister: Surely God Who is faithful in all things  
is our hope and our salvation.

**Congregants: He alone is our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Minister: So come, let us worship our God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Ever-living God, Lord of life and beyond,  
before the world ever was created  
and even after it shall cease to be,  
You alone are God.**

**Be with us in our time of worship, we pray.  
Break into our minds and spirits  
and show us things that are eternal,  
that we might know You and serve You,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 336 *We Gather Together*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)  
Let us with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
so that we may receive mercy and forgiveness  
for our sinful and broken lives.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)  
**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved You  
with our whole heart, mind, and spirit.  
We have not done You Will,  
we have not followed your way,  
we have abused and misused Your good gifts.  
Have mercy on us, we pray.  
Heal us, forgive us, make us new.  
Strengthen us to serve You in this world.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)  
Hear good news!  
Jesus Christ came into the world  
to save sinners like us.  
He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross,  
that we might be made new.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
know that you are forgiven!

\* 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 Romans 8:35-39

<sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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

*A Time for All Things*

Douglas E. Wagner

To every thing there is a season, there is a time for all good things;  
A time to plant, and a time to reap, a time to lose, a time to keep;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to follow, a time to lead, a time to speak and a time to heed;  
A time to sleep, a time to wake, a time to give and a time to take.  
For all the blessings of our God, are given us that we might have  
A time to live and a time to share,  
A time to love and a time to care, a time for all good things.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 14:1-7

<sup>1</sup>'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE DIES*

Dr. Merritt

## Announcements

THE MERRITT FAMILY shares it thanks and love with our Northminster family for all the support you have given to us in our time of loss. God is indeed good, and His goodness has been demonstrated through your presence as the Body of Christ.

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.

Ushers for November 24, 2019 – Bob Newman, Dave Snider

Shirley Wynn 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

Historian Room – We have several picture frames, as well as prints of Northminster Presbyterian Church for anyone who would like to have one. Please see Jane Olsen or Judy Moore if you are interested.

If anyone wants plastic containers they are in a large box in the supply room. See Judy Moore if you have questions

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.samaritanaspurse.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
Wednesday	4:45 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion
	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Lunch

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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