

*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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Congregational Hymn 522 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November Twenty fourth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

Christ the King 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!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20

(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 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the water storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: The Lord alone is God,
and we are His people.

Congregants: We are the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: In Christ, all things hold together.

**Congregants: He is the head of the Church
and Lord of all.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

Eternal God, Almighty Father,

You sent Jesus Christ to rule over all things,

and made us servants in Your Kingdom.

By Your Spirit, empower us to love with your love,

**and to care for all those in need.
Bring us now into Your presence
where we may give You praise
and be strengthened by Your Word and Sacrament.
Give us promise and vision of Your heavenly realm
where we will worship and adore You
and be welcomed into Your everlasting joy.
Through our King, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things,
making peace through the blood of the cross.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Righteous and loving God,
You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and we are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by his justice and love.
In Your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has rescued us from the power of evil,
and He has claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,
in whom we have redemption.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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 Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Sound the Full Chorus* G. F. Handel arr. Hopson

Sound the full chorus, give praise to the Lord; O sing a new song. God's mighty salvation declare day by day, tell it forth; Sing, O sing, all the earth. All honor and glory ascribe to the Lord. Let joy in the courts of the Lord now resound.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 18:33-38

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' ³⁸ Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Sovereign God,
let Your Word rule in our hearts
and Your Spirit govern our lives,
until at last we see the fulfillment
of Your realm of justice and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Ushers

Marie Haines, Bob Newman, Tom Olsen, Dave Snider

Communion Servers

Greg and Margie Cundiff, Vee Hayes. Bob Newman. Ray Williams

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.

Ushers for December 1, 2019 – Allen Kling, Bob Newman

TODAY WE WILL BE continuing a Green Ridge Presbyterian tradition of having Thanksgiving lunch after our morning worship service. Stay and join us.

THE LINK - We are in need of past copies of "THE LINK" for 2009 - 2010 and any of 2018 to help us complete a binder in the Heritage Room. Please check to see if you might have some past copies for this time span that you could donate. Please contact Jane Olsen if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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 / Communion
12:00 pm Thanksgiving Lunch

Tuesday 10:30 am P.W. Meeting

Nest Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Session Meeting

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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

