

\*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 730 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of 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*

*Vee Hayes, John and Lee Ann Kabana, Dave Snider*

*We are excited to welcome the Green Ridge Presbyterian congregation today. Following the worship service, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend the reception. We hope everyone enjoys this time of fellowship as we unite Green Ridge and Northminster congregations to produce a vibrant church and bring more people to faith in Jesus Christ.*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*November Third the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Nineteen*

*Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost*

**ALL SAINTS 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!**

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**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 25:6-9; Ephesians 1:11-23; Revelation 21:1-6a

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

RECOGNITION OF NEW CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

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 Revelation 7)

Minister: A great multitude that no one can count  
praises God.

**Congregants: It is made up of every nation, tribe,  
people, and language.**

Minister: They cry, "Salvation belongs to our God,  
and to the Lamb!"

**Congregants: Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor belong to God.**

Minister: Let us worship our Lord!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**O God our heavenly Father,  
we gather to worship with those saints  
in the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before  
and those who are still yet to come.  
They have established a foundation for our faith  
through Your Holy Spirit and bountiful gifts.  
Let us build upon what has been,  
and look to the promises of what is to come,  
as we worship with these saints gathered here.  
Add each of us to that number, we pray.  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 326 *For All the Saints*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Jesus said, "Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled."  
Trusting in God's grace,  
let us confess our sinfulness.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Eternal and everlasting God,  
in every age You have raised up women and men  
to live and die in faith.  
We confess that too often  
we have been indifferent to Your Will for us.  
You call us to proclaim Your name,  
but we are silent.  
You call us to do what is just,  
but we remain idle.  
You call us to live faithfully,  
but we are afraid.  
In Your great mercy, forgive us.  
Give us courage to follow in Your way,  
so that joined with those from ages past  
who have served You with faith, hope, and love,  
we may inherit the Kingdom  
that You have promised in Jesus Christ.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy."  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks 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 Genesis 12:1-8 (Insert)

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 *As the Wind Song* Hymn 292

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 3:1-17 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *A NEW BEGINNING* Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

\*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 *O God, Who Gives Us Life* Hymn 53

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Genesis 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." <sup>4</sup>"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup>"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Announcements

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!

The choir welcomes new members. If anyone is interested in joining us, we meet on Wednesday evenings in the choir room at 6:30pm. Feel free to speak to any of us or Melissa, the Music Director if you have any questions.

Ushers for November 10, 2019 – Hunter and Vee Hayes, Judy Moore

New address for Shirly Wynn 403 McIntosh Road, Roanoke VA. 24019

THE MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held this Thursday morning at 8:30 at K&W Restaurant on Hershberger (near Krispy Kreme). All men of the church are invited to come enjoy Christian fellowship and to share in prayer.

\$185.00 was collected for the Peacemaking Offering. Many thanks to those who participated.

Please join us for a reception welcoming the Green Ridge Presbyterian congregation today following the worship service. Light refreshments will be provided.

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-shoebox-suggestions/> or look at the label brochure. Please bring your boxes to church by November 17th.

We will be continuing a Green Ridge Presbyterian tradition of having Thanksgiving lunch after church on November 24th. 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 10th.

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!).

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Green Ridge Welcome Reception
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Sarah Godsey
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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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
Kim Merritt	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

