

the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ 40He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

RE-CREATE

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed* (Unison)

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

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Thought For The Week: *The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to care for it and work it. Genesis 2:15*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

April Fifth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

Palm 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

(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 166 (Verse One)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Congregants: Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: Rejoice greatly. O daughter of Zion!

Congregants: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Minister: Lo, your King comes to you.

Congregants: Triumphant and victorious is he.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

We praise You, O God,

for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ,

who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph

and was proclaimed Messiah and king

**by those who spread garments and branches.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we may follow him in the way of the Cross,
so that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter Your Kingdom.
We pray in his blessed name. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble ourselves before God,
opening our lives to God's healing presence,
forsaking all that separates us from God and neighbor.
Let us think not only of personal evil
but also of our communal sins.
Let us confess to God
whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others,
that we may receive mercy
and become for each other ambassadors of God's grace.
Let us confess our sins together.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to grow beyond what we are,
and direct what we shall become,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from II Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news!
The apostle Paul shares this truth:
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
Everything old has passed away,

see, everything has become new!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! ² Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD' 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

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS CRISIS worship services will not be held at Northminster on Easter, April 12, or on the following Sunday, April 19. Also, there will be no Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services during Holy Week. Please remember to be in prayer that this time of trial and tribulation will soon pass.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, All jails and prisons are on lockdown. Kairos activity's have been canceled state wide until further notice. Marie Haines

THE ANNUAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT has been postponed until a later date.

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) website. Once logged into your **Kroger account**, you can search for **Northminster Presbyterian Church** either by name or code **PL601** and then click **Enroll**. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card*. **REMEMBER**, purchases will not count for the church until after you register your *Rewards Card*. You must swipe your registered Kroger *Rewards Card* or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger *Rewards Card* when shopping for each purchase to count. If a you do not yet have a Kroger *Rewards Card*, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Contact Chuck Lockard if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting our work at Northminster!

ACOLYTES AND LITURGISTS are being scheduled for 2020. If you (or your children) are interested in serving in worship services, please let the Minister know.

The new 2020 sign up sheets for ushering and communion servers are now on the bulletin board outside the church office. PLEASE SIGN UP. Anyone can help with ushering. Communion servers should be elders, active or inactive. Any questions should be directed to Judy Ferrell.

THE MINISTER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY is 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!).

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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	Charlotte Cooley	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Barbara Jones
Bob Lancaster	Don Myers	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Gladys Presson
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Paige Wheeler	Olive Whisler

*THE SESSION *

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Jeff Echols, Judy Ferrell, Vee Hayes, Lynn Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Bob Newman, Jeremy Newman, Betsy Robison, Dave Snider, Ray Williams, Gayle Wise

