

## 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

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Hymns 518 *Your Only Son*

538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

### 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.

*Ushers*

*Gary Harris, Charles and Jane Livesay, Sherry Moses*

*Communion Servers*

*Sarah Godsey, Vee Hayes, Bob Newman*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*February Second the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Twenty*

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**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

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; Matthew 5:1-12

(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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* (Verse 1)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**

**Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;**

**Thou my best thought, by day or by night,**

**Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: What shall we return to the Lord

for all the good things He has done for us?

**Congregants: We will lift up the cup of salvation**

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

be with us all.

**Congregants: We give our hearts to him.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, O God,**

**and prepare our hearts to come in worship,**

**to hear and to heed Your holy Word,  
and to follow in discipleship where You call.  
Silence in us any voice but Your own,  
so that we may be drawn closer to You.  
We pray through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 630      *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We remember that our Lord Jesus  
can sympathize with us in our weakness,  
since in every respect he was tempted as we are,  
yet was without sin. So let us with boldness  
approach the throne of grace,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Almighty God, You love us,  
but we have not loved You.  
You call us to follow,  
but we have not listened.  
We walk away from others in need,  
wrapped up in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, and greed.  
God of grace, Lord of forgiveness,  
help us to recognize and admit our sins,  
so that as You come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to You,  
and receive forgiveness.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life is gone, a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 435 (Verse 2)

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal is most  
won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our  
lives re-lect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.**

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 1:29-31

<sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in  
order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM      *God is Working His Purpose Out*      Austin Lovelace      (Insert)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 48:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, who  
teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go. <sup>18</sup> O that you had paid  
attention to my commandments! Then your prosperity would have been like a river,  
and your success like the waves of the sea; <sup>19</sup> your offspring would have been like the sand, and  
your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON      *GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT*      Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 623 *I've Got Peace like a River*  
*Please note that each verse is sung twice*

\*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.**

### Announcements

Ushers for February 9, 2020 – Fred Barger, Dora Slee, Dave Snider, Ron Staton

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS TODAY. Plan to stay for lunch after church to sample a variety of soups and sandwiches. An offering will be collected with the proceeds to be divided between the Presbyterian Community Center and Soup for Seniors. If you would like to donate canned soup, crackers for the Soup for Seniors program, please leave your contribution on the table in the narthex.

A reminder that our next fellowship breakfast will be held at the rebuilt Famous Anthony's on Thursday, February 6, at 8:30AM. We will meet in the private dining room on your right as you enter the restaurant. All our Green Ridge people are invited to join us. We hope you will be able to attend and please bring a friend.

It's Hunger Buster time! Please pick up a bag before leaving church. Fill it with some of the items listed on the bag. We will be collecting bags on February 16th. They will be used to fill the pantry at the Presbyterian Center.

ATTENTION: Earth Care Workshop Sat., Feb. 15 from 10 AM – 2 PM Covenant Presbyterian, Roanoke. Blacksburg Presbyterian with experience in Earth Care activities will share their experiences. Practical advice and lively resources for worship, education, facilities, and outreach will be ready for you. The Workshop is **free**, but reservations are needed by Wed., Feb. 12th. Reservations by email [rev.rafiedler@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rafiedler@gmail.com) or phone 540 989-1979. Home cooked lunch for \$8 donation Taking care of God's magnificent creation can be practical and fun, with an impact on your congregation. "The Earth is the Lord's..." Psalm 24. **If interested contact Holly Woodson at 562-0263.**

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the [kroger.com](http://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!

As the new year begins this is a reminder that we are still collecting used ink cartridges for RAM. They will take any kind including large ones that you may use in your office. There is a container on the table in the vestibule. The Mission Committee thanks you.

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!).

### Calendar

Today	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Souper Bowl Lunch
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Debbie Newman
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Famous Anthony's
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School 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	Charlotte Cooley	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Barbara Jones
John Kabana	Bob Lancaster	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

ANTHEM      *God is Working His Purpose Out*      Austin Lovelace

God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.