

*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 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Joe and Karen Gwitt, Gary Harris, Dave Snider

Acolytes

Mia Esworthy and Abbie Caldwell

Liturgists

Emily Allen

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February Twenty third the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Exodus 24:1-18; Psalm 2; II Peter 1:16-21

(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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Marie Haines

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured.

Congregants: God spoke: This is my beloved Son.

Minister: God called light out of darkness.

Congregants: His glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Minister: Let us worship and bow down before our God, for He is holy.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**O God of light and life,
in the transfiguration of Your Son
You confirmed the mysteries of the faith**

**by the witnesses of Moses and Elijah.
In the voice from the cloud
You foreshadowed our adoption as Your children.
Make us, with Christ, heirs of Your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness.
Let us celebrate in Your light
as we worship You this day.
Through Christ who shines in our lives, we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden
that will not be disclosed,
nor is anything secret
that will not come to light.
So trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sin.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**God of grace and compassion,
in Jesus Christ You reveal the light of Your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in Your light
and to follow in the way of Your beloved Son.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

The One Who calls light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise be to God.

* 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-flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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.**

*HYMN 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

TIME WITH CHILDREN / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 9:28-43a (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**God of shining splendor,
Your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Cover us now with Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may hear Your Word
and live as faithful disciples and covenant people,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SERMON

GLORY CAME DOWN

Dr. Merritt

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord

Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

THE SECOND READING OF GOD’S WORD Luke 9:28-43a

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. 34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ 36When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. 37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ 41Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ 42While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Session Meeting
Monday	5:30-8:30 pm	Roller Skating
Tuesday	10:30 am	P.W. Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant
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

Announcements

Ushers for March 1, 2020 – Judy Moore
Communion Servers: Holly Woodson

Thanks to all who participated in our Hunger Buster. We delivered 35 bags to the Presbyterian Community Center. They were extremely grateful.

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SESSION WILL BE HELD TODAY
Sunday, February 23, after the morning worship service. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY, contact the Minister.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in the morning worship service on Sunday morning, March 1, the first Sunday of Lent.

The Mission committee will be collecting sandwich bread next Sunday to take to the Presbyterian Center. Please leave any donations on the table in the narthex.

A Roller Skating outing is being held tomorrow night February 24th, at 5:30pm – 8:30pm. The location is Roanoke Valley Skate Center on Brandon Avenue. Pizza and drinks will be served. You can be any age to join us!

Are you missing a black coat and a pair of boots? If so check the coat rack by the front door.

Just a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes from the Stated Session Meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc. can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

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!

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!).

