

*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 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Ushers

Fred Barger, Dora Slee, Dave Snider, Ron Staton

Acolytes

Amari and Amia Newman

Liturgists

Susan Lockard

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February Ninth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

Fifth 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!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:1-9a; I Corinthians 2:1-12

(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: Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

Congregants: Let our light shine, giving glory to God.

Minister: The Lord called out: Whom shall I send?

Congregants: Here I am, send me.

Minister: Come, let us worship our God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

God of grace and glory,

You have called us to be Your witnesses,

to be light that shines in the darkness.

Let us not hide the bright hope You have given us,

but instead tell everyone of Your love,

**revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord.
Be present with us now,
and turn our hearts, minds, and spirits to You.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

In all times and in all places, God is with us.

Though we are sinful and broken,
God's grace flows over and around us,
lifting us in hope. Let us come to Him,
seeking forgiveness.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Patient and forgiving Lord,
You know us well, and how we are.
We let the frustrations and worries of life overwhelm us.
Our hearts buckle under the weight of anger and confusion.
Then we turn away from You and seek our own way.
How foolish and faithless we are!
In Your great mercy, forgive us.
Help us to know Your healing and hope for the world.
Make us disciples of peace and compassion.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Let go of your fears and doubts.
God pours His love on each of us,
and through you into the world.
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 Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. ² Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, ³ who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. ⁴ You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. ⁸ I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

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 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Hymn 444

TIME WITH CHILDREN / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 5:20-26

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

NOW WHAT?

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Calendar

Today 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday 10:30 am Circle 1

Wednesday 5:30 pm Bells
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 9:00 am Presbytery Meeting in Lynchburg

Saturday 10:00 am Earth Care Workshop

Next Sunday
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Congregational 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 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 February 16, 2020 – Emily Allen, Sarah Godsey, Dave Snider

MANY THANKS TO THOSE of you who assisted in the Souper Bowl success. The soups (14) were creative and delicious!! Everyone seemed to enjoy lunch and fellowship as we served our community. (Soups for Seniors and PCCC)

We welcome Caitlin Godsey as our new middle/high school program facilitator.

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS will hold its quarterly meeting this Thursday in Lynchburg. Our representative to the meeting will be elder Gayle Wise.

We will have a Congregational meeting on Feb. 16th after the morning worship service to elect 2 members from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee will be responsible for nominating Elders to serve beginning in 2021. If you plan to nominate someone be sure and ask them before placing their name in nomination.

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 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.**

A Roller Skating outing is being held on 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!

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the 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!).