

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)
**Saving God, Source of our calling,
Your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us,
so that we may receive Your grace,
hear Your message for us this day,
and live as Your beloved children.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

MOVING ON

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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

*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 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*January Twelfth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Epiphany 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

Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

(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 calls us. Come, and see!

Congregants: Here we find the Lamb of God.

Minister: The Lord is about to do a new thing.

**Congregants: Speak, O God, for Your servants
are listening.**

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
Your Son Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.**

**May Your people,
illuminated by Your Word,
shine with the radiance of his glory.
Be with us now in our worship,
so that we might share his love
to the very ends of the earth.
Through his name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 757 *Today We All Are Called*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

In scripture, we read of the voice of one

crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord!

Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven draws near!”

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

O God our Father,

Your blessed Son came to be with us

that he might destroy the works of evil

and make us children of God

and heirs of eternal life.

Grant that, having this hope within us,

we may be forgiven of our sins

and cleansed of our self-serving ways.

Give us vision of his glorious kingdom to come,

that we might know what awaits us

and live according to that promise.

Hear these our silent prayers.

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Friends in Christ, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven of our sins.

Let us live as his redeemed people.

Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 435 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* (Verse 2)

**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 Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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,**

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

arr. Andre Thomas

(Jesus, the Light of the World, Hymn 127)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP’S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD’S WORD Philippians 3:4-15

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: scircumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.

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

Ushers
Frankie Bielawski, John Kabana

Liturgist
Sherry Moses

Acolyte
Kaylee O'Conner

Announcements

We light the Baptismal Candle today to remember **Amai and Amari Newman Gilliard** who were presented for baptism by their mother, Brett Newman, and father, Eric on January 11, 2015. Celebrating with them are their grandparents, Bob and Debbie Newman along with Aunt and Uncle Jeremy & Kristin Newman. May we all remember the promise we made to help guide Amai and Amari as they grow in the Christian faith.

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS CHRISTIAN LOVE with the Lanford, Kirby, and Cundiff family following the passing of Cindy Lanford.

The Lanford family would like to thank the members of the congregation who held Cindy Lanford in their prayers over the past almost 7 years. Cindy believed in the power of prayer and she survived her diagnosis a lot longer than anyone would have expected. She succumbed to her illness January 6th and now is at peace with her Lord and Savior.

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS CHRISTIAN LOVE with the family of Rod (Hot Rod) Bittner, following his recent death. Rod, who was given 102 years of life by God, now rests in eternity with his Savior!

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS CHRISTIAN LOVE with the family of George Wingeier, following his death. George's many challenges are now over, and he rests securely in the arms of his Savior.

Ushers for January 19, 2020 – Emily Allen, Frankie Bielawski

A MEETING OF THE CONGERGATION has been called for today Sunday January 12th immediately following the worship service, for the election of new elders.

On January 19th the newly elected Elders will be installed during the worship service.

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.

Members who joined Northminster from Green Ridge are encouraged to participate in ushering and/or serving communion. There are no requirements to usher, but to serve communion, you must be an elder (active or inactive).

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the offices. This would work to further blend the two congregations. If you have any questions, you can contact Margie Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, or Bob Bielawski (members of the Worship Committee).

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 Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday 10:00 am Circle 1

Wednesday 4:45 pm Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

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

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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	Olive Whisner	

***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

