

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 662 (Verse 1) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

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.

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 35 (Verse 1) *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Larger print bulletins are available.

Thought for the Week: *"Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life".* The Confession of 1967; *The Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*June Twenty first the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Lord, send us out into Your harvest.
The Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed.
It grows into a great plant with many branches.
Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Almighty and all-loving God,
in Jesus Christ You turned death into life,
and defeat into victory.
Be with us now in this time of worship,
so that our faith and trust in Christ will grow,
and we may be strengthened to triumph over evil,
through his presence and his love.
In his grace we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 385 (Verse 1 & 3) *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we were still weak and sinful,
Christ died for the ungodly.
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person.
But God proves His love for us in that
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Through that sacrificial love, we can confess our sins
and know the forgiveness of God.
Let us repent of our brokenness.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God in heaven,
we come before You now
sharing the burdens of our hearts
and speaking the guilt from sin
that weighs heavily upon us.
In a time of turmoil and sin, suffering and hurt,
we confess our apathy and our lack of action
in making the world a better place.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts,
nor loved our neighbors across the world as ourselves.
We have failed to see Your image in every human,
and we've torn apart instead of built up
the one Body of which we all are a part.
We plead for mercy and cry out for grace.
Make us a new creation, and bless us with Your pardon.
Hear these our silent prayers.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If it were not for the grace of our God,
we would be unable to move forward in faith.
But we trust this powerful truth:
Christ has died for the ungodly, for us.
Christ has come not to condemn the world, but to save it.
So rejoice, give thanks, and praise God forever,
for in His name we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 9:1-19 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord Christ, You are the Word of God incarnate,
God's grace and love in flesh,
the truth of our God in person.
As we seek now to understand and to live His Word,
be with us and open us to your presence.
Amen.

THE SERMON

BRICKS AND SPRINGS

Dr. Merritt

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 9:1-19

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM CLATERBAUGH, who was recently elected by the Presbytery to be one of two regional elder representatives to the bi-annual Presbyterian General Assembly gathering of representatives from across the U.S.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ARTICLES to The Link newsletter as soon as possible for the next issue of our official communication publication. Send your submissions to Debbie Newman. Contact the church office for more information.

THE OFFERING WILL NOT BE COLLECTED and plates will not be passed during the service, to protect worshippers from any possible surface-based contagion. Plates are located in the narthex, for worshippers to place their gifts following the service.

NORTHMINSTER HAS RESUME WORSHIP in the sanctuary. The Session has approved a number of guidelines and practices for in-person worship, due to the health concerns of us all. Please be aware of those new practices, and join us in taking steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. If you need a copy of the guidelines, or have thoughts you'd like to share, please contact the Minister.

Kidviv is zooming Thursday evenings with music from Melissa, devotion from Lauren, and prayers with Russ. Last week was on prayer and this week is on faith.

Caitlin is zooming with older youth and working on projects.

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 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!

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Worship Service
Next Sunday	11:00 am	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

Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Charlotte Cooley
Michael Hambrick	Gary Harris	Jake Hayes
Betty Hinkle	Atwood Huff	Barbara Jones
Bob Lancaster	Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz
Don Myers	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Gladys Presson	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Paige Wheeler
Olive Whisler	Ray Williams	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Barbara Simpson – (Mary Simpson's daughter-in-law)

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

