

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 522 *I Am the Bread of Life*

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 175 *Seek Ye First*

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God
and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.*

Ushers

Margie Cundiff, Hunter Hayes, Judy Moore, Greg Theimer

Communion Servers

Jeff Echols, Vee Hayes, Chuck Lockard, Ray Williams, Holly Woodson

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

March first the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

First Sunday in Lent

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 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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 166 (Verse One)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: The promises of God are for all generations.

Congregants: God's covenant is with every living creature.

Minister: The Word of God is in our midst.

Congregants: Call on the Lord, and you will be saved.

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty God, we gather in praise and worship,
and in thanksgiving for Your goodness and love.**

Be with us now, and may Your Spirit speak to our spirits.

**Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to You,
and show us the way to Your salvation.**

We pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 165 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim we have no sin, we are mistaken,
for our sinfulness goes to our very core.
But God's promise in Christ
is that as we repent of our brokenness,
He is quick to forgive, and to make us new.
Let us confess our sins.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Eternal and Almighty God,
Whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we have failed
to fulfill Your Will for us.
We betray and neglect and ignore others,
and run from our responsibilities to You.
Though You have bound Yourself to us,
we have not bound ourselves to You.
Have mercy on us, we pray.
Draw us to You with the cords of Your love,
and lead us again to Your Table,
where we are One in Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise be to God!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy*

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* ⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance *Selah* ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. ¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *When at This Table* Hymn 537

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 11:1-7, 17-29, 32-44 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *LAZARUS, COME OUT!* Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 797 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

*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.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Circle 2 with Frankie Bielawski
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

Announcements

Ushers for March 8, 2020 –

John D Sadler, passed away Saturday February 22nd at his home in Florida. He was pastor at Northminster from 1971 - 1979. He loved and treasured the Northminster family. There will be a celebration of life in the Spring.

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

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet immediately after the worship service today. If you have anything to share with the committee, come join us (in the Minister's office).

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in the morning worship service.

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 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!).

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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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD

John 11:1-7, 17-29, 32-44

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

