

*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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Thought For The Week: *Heaven belongs to the Lord, but he gave the earth to people.*
Psalms 115:16

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory
of Robert C. Price by The Robison's*

*Ushers
Emily Allen, Judy Moore*

*Acolytes
Camden and Jace Newman*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*March fifteenth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Third 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

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

(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: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,

Congregants: God's love is poured into our hearts.

Minister: Let all who thirst come to the Living Waters.

Congregants: Let all who are hungry come and be fed.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

Eternal God, Incarnate Lord,

Your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world

through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son.

Help us now to hear Your Word and to obey it,

so that we may become instruments of Your saving grace,

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

While we know that we are sinners,
and that we do not deserve the forgiving grace of God,
we also know that as we sincerely confess our sins,
God redeems us through the love of Christ.
Therefore, confident in the promise of His mercy,
let us repent of our brokenness.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Almighty God, Source of forgiveness,
to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from Whom no secrets are hidden;
cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name.
We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
Through the blood of Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us, forgive us, and renew us.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the greatest news of all.
God of grace, in His mercy,
has given His Son to die for us,
and in that sacrifice forgives us all our sins.
In that assurance, I declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins.
Praise to God on high!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD' 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

Like a Flowing River

Robert J. Powell

Like a flowing river is God's perfect peace. Glorious forever in its bright increase; perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand. No foe can follow, or traitor ever stand; Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch spirit there.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest; finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest. We may trust him in all that we do; they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

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THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 16:19-31 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

OPTIONS

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Announcements

Ushers for March 22, 2020 –

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING next Sunday, March 22, following the morning worship service. Anyone interested in joining Northminster, or having business for the Session, is asked to contact the Minister.

THE SPECIAL MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held April 9 at 7:00, and will include the celebration of holy communion. We will share in worship with our brethren from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

A COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held April 10 at noon at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Williamson Road across from Hardees. A luncheon will follow the worship service.

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 AM. Donations of wrapped candies are needed and welcomed.

Marie Haines is serving on a Kairos Prison Ministry team at the end of April. There is a prayer banner sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. There are cookie directions with sample recipes in the office.

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!).

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Bowling

Wednesday	4:45 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir

Next Sunday		
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Session Meeting

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Russ Merritt, Transitional Pastor	Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’