

\*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

\*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: *I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day. Isaiah 27:3***

*Acolytes  
Jake Hayes and Lilly Hayes*

*Liturgist  
Vee Hay*

## **NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

*March Twenty second the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Twenty  
Fourth 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!**

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**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14

(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, from Psalm 27)

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?

**Congregants: The Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Minister: Teach me Your way, O Lord.

**Congregants: I believe that I shall see  
the goodness of the Lord.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty God, Your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death.**

**Breath upon us now with the power of Your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,**

**and serve You in holiness and righteousness.  
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist, from Isaiah 55)

"Seek the Lord while He may be found,  
call upon Him while He is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them return to the Lord,  
that He may have mercy on them."  
Let us confess our sins.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways  
to the glory of Your holy name.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

God's love was revealed among us in this way:  
God sent His only Son into the world  
so that we might live through him.  
In this is love, not that we loved God  
but that He loved us and sent His Son  
as atoning sacrifice for our sins!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 145:8-21

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you,  
O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you. <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup> The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. <sup>19</sup> He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. <sup>20</sup> The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 18:28-40 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*JESUS AND PILATE*

Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

## Announcements

Ushers for March 29, 2020 –

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](http://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 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
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Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
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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 John 18:28-40

<sup>28</sup> Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' <sup>30</sup> They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The Jews replied, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.' <sup>32</sup> (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a bandit.