

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*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: *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*March Twenty ninth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Fifth 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11

(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: Keep pressing on to the goal:

**Congregants: the heavenly call of God
in Jesus Christ.**

Minister: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**Congregants: We are God's people,
and the Lord is our God.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty and Eternal God,
Whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to bear our cross,**

**and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We have strayed like lost sheep from God's path,
and our journeys are littered with sin.
Yet God's promise in Jesus Christ
is that as we turn to Him and repent,
He is quick to forgive, and to make us new.
Let us confess our sins.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Almighty God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness and sin we have failed
to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope.
We have not shared Your love,
nor spread Your joy in this world.
Renew us by Your Holy Spirit,
and strengthen us to follow where You lead.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.
His mercy is as wide as the seas.
Through his love, he forgives our sins,
and restores a right spirit within us.
Praise be to God!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

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 19:1-16a

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' ⁷The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.' ⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' ¹¹Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.' ¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' ¹⁵They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

JESUS AND THE CROWDS

Dr. Merritt

Announcements

THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S BREAKFAST meeting this month due to the virus quarantine.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, All jails and prisons are on lockdown. Kairos activity's have been canceled state wide until further notice. Marie Haines

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.

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

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	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