

*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 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* Hymn 202

*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 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

*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: *The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to care for it and work it. Genesis 2:15*

*The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Monty
by Sarah Plymale and Justin Plymale*

*Ushers
Fred Barger, Tom and Jane Olsen*

*Liturgist
Ron Staton*

*Acolytes
Kaylee O'Conner & Tyler Allen*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*March eighth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Second 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 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Matthew 17:1-9

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: Praise the Lord, Who gives us life.

Congregants: We live within His gift of grace.

Minister: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

Congregants: We take up the Cross to follow him.

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God,

Whose Son was revealed in majesty

as 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.

Be with us in our gathering before You,

**and bless us with spirits open to Your Spirit.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

*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 come to God in confession.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Merciful and loving God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins
and ask for Your forgiveness.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice,
or walked humbly with You our God.
Grant us grace, and make us new again.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist, from I John 4)

"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
to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy* (Insert)

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

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 *Bless the Lord My Soul* Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

Bless the Lord, my soul; bless God's holy name. All within me, bless God's holy name. Never forget God's loving kindness. Never forget God's mercy. God will guard your life God, will crown you with mercy. O bless the Lord my soul. God forgives and redeems you. God crowns your life with mercy. O bless God's holy name.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 13:1-17 (Insert)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Merciful and wise God,
Your Word is our way of truth and life.
Create in us hearts that are clean
and put Your Holy Spirit within us,
so that we may receive Your grace,
declare Your praise,
and follow Your way forever.
Through Jesus, the living Word, we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON *WASHING THE FEET OF DISCIPLES* Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Announcements

Ushers for March 15, 2020 – Emily Allen

A SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH RESIDENTS OF FRIENDSHIP MANOR to share in fellowship with the Minister will be held this Friday, March 13, at noon. For more information, contact Mary Simpson.

"FAITH RITUALS AND UNDERSTANDINGS OF BIRTH AND DEATH" is a special gathering being offered this Thursday evening at 7:00 at Hollins. Sponsored by the regional "Voices of Faith" organization, it will feature representatives from a number of religions, and will be moderated by our Minister. For more information, contact Russ.

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.

"The deadline for signing up for bowling is Sunday March 8. We will partner with Williamson Road Church of the Brethren for this activity which will be held at Hilltop Lanes (Williamson Road) on Sunday March 15 at 2pm.. All ages are welcome. If interested, you may contact Vee Hayes or Frankie Bielawski."

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 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday	10:30 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bells Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	7:00 pm	Luncheon with Residents at Friendship Manor Faith Rituals and Understanding of Birth and Death
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Bowling

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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

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 13:1-17

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.