

THE SERMON

PENTECOST IN A NEW WORLD

Dr. Merritt

*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: *Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the LORD— For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And they shall sorrow no more at all. Jeremiah 31:12*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

May Thirty first the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

Pentecost Sunday

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

Numbers 11:24-30; I Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

(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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the promise of the Lord,
that He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh.
The Spirit of God is with us now and always,
His presence renews our lives and our world.
Bless the name of the Lord!
Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

God our Creator,
this world has so many languages,
but Your Good News proclaims Your love
to all nations in one heavenly tongue.
Make of us messengers of that Good News,
so that all the world may unite in one song of praise.
Be with us now as we come in worship

before Your throne of grace and beauty.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me."
Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that too often we hold back
the force of Your Holy Spirit among us.
We do not listen for Your word of grace,
speak the good news of Your love,
or live as people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O Lord!
Transform our selfish lives by the power
of Your Holy Spirit,
and fill us with the flaming desire
to be Your faithful people.
Hear these our silent prayers.

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through Jesus Christ, God has poured out
His Holy Spirit upon us,
that we might celebrate the forgiveness of our sins.
In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.
Praise be to God!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 104:24-34

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of
your creatures.²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living

things both small and great.²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ²⁸ when you give to them, they
gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.²⁹ When you hide your
face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.³¹ May
the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—³² who looks on the
earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long
as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.**

ANTHEM

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 2:1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from
heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they
were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of
them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the
Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in
Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard
them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all
these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native
language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and
visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one
another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace,
fill us with the wisdom of Your Word
and the understanding of Your Spirit,
so that we may be Your Church--
a people with faith and hopes and visions
at work in all the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHMINSTER WILL RESUME WORSHIP in the sanctuary next Sunday, June 7, at 11:00. The Session has approved a number of guidelines and practices for in-person worship, due to the health concerns of us all. Please be aware of those new practices, and join us in taking steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. If you need a copy of the guidelines, or have thoughts you'd like to share, please contact the Minister.

Kidviv is zooming Thursday evenings with music from Melissa, devotion from Lauren, and prayers with Russ. Last week was on prayer and this week is on faith.

Caitlin is zooming with older youth and working on projects.

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the [kroger.com](https://www.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 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!

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.

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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

Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Charlotte Cooley
Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Barbara Jones	Bob Lancaster	Don Myers
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Gladys Presson	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Paige Wheeler
Olive Whisler	Ray Williams	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Mary Moretz – (Nancy and Rick Assaid)
Eleanor Newman – (Bob Newman's Aunt)
Dee Woodson (Holly Woodson's daughter-in-law)
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Barbara Simpson – (Mary Simpson's daughter-in-law)

*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

