

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Matthew 25:31-46

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Eternal God, Everlasting Father,
You set Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and called us to be servants in that Kingdom.
Now, by Your Spirit, empower us to know Your love,
and guide us to minister to those in need.
Open our hearts and our minds to hear and to follow,
to worship and adore, and to give ourselves to You,
for it is through Christ our King that we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (Verses 1 & 4)

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sinfulness is ever before our God.
We cannot hide from our Maker.
So we come to the Holy One seeing forgiveness.
We seek God's wisdom and grace
to reflect the love and path of our Savior.
So let us confess our sins.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God, You are merciful, abounding in steadfast love.
Yet we test the limits of Your grace, turning from You,
and going toward that which is evil in Your sight.
We do not understand our own actions,
for we know what is right and yet do what is wrong.
Forgive us when we do not share the compassion of our Lord Jesus.
We come before You in confession,
asking for Your transformative grace and power.,
because we know You will never abandon us.
Hear these our silent prayers.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God hears our sincere confession
and responds with forgiveness and mercy.
Friends, believe the good news and be at peace:
in and through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 147:1-11

¹ Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
² The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.³ He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.⁶ The Lord lifts up the
downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our
God on the lyre. ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the
hills. ⁹ He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the
strength of the horse, or his pleasure in the speed of a runner; ¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear
him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered
a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they
went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God

with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

In this season of gratitude, open our eyes to the gifts,
unmerited, all around us:
the gift of this new day, of family and friends and people to love;
the gift of this time in worship together.
And as we thankfully listen to Your Word proclaimed,
startle us again with Your truth and with Your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SERMON

THANKSGIVING

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (Verse 1)

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Verse 1)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

THE CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Thought for the Week: *Jane Parker Huber wrote a wonderful hymn in the last century entitled "God You Spin the Whirling Planets". This beautiful song details Creation as outlined in the early chapters of Genesis. Verse one: God, You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain. Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind and rain.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susie Tallmage would like to thank the people of Northminster for all the prayers, calls, and cards during the loss of her mother. You truly are a loving group of people.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD at the conclusion of this morning's worship service, to receive and act upon a recommendation from the Session regarding the sale of the Green Ridge property.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SESSION will be held following this morning's worship service and congregational meeting.

We are collecting pies again this year for the Rescue Mission. The collection can be of various flavors (pumpkin, apple, berry, cream pies). If you will be donating a pie, please bring it to the church kitchen on Sunday, November 22. The Rescue Mission is always very appreciative of the pies we collect for them. Thank you for helping with this project.

WE ARE AGAIN COLLECTING COATS AND SHOES for local refugee and immigrant families. If you have any of those items you can donate, please bring them to the church narthex by November 16. Children's coats and shoes are especially needed. If you need someone to come pick your donation up, call the church office, the Minister, or Mission Chair Lynn Kirby (588-1782).

IT IS TIME TO FILL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES! The boxes to be filled can be picked up in the church narthex. This year, you can either fill the box yourself (and either bring it to church or call to have someone pick it up), or you can provide financial support (write a check to the church, and the Mission Committee will fill the box for you). Boxes will be collected through Sunday, November 16.

PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS This year, due to issues related to the pandemic, church attendance numbers, and hygienic protocols, we will not purchase live poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary. Rather than purchase live Poinsettias, we will be taking up collection of \$5 from those of you who would like to honor a loved one (in memoriam), listing the name in the Christmas bulletin. The money collected will be donated to the Presbyterian Community Center. We ask that you turn in your donation by December 14th. For those who are not currently attending church services, but would like to honor a loved one, please mail your donation to the church by the required date.

PERSONS WORSHIPING IN PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY are encouraged to move to their seats as soon as they arrive, and not to spend much time visiting in the narthex, so that we can continue to control the possible spread of the virus.

The Presbyterian Center is in need of school supplies and asking for donations. A list of supplies needed is on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

THE OFFERING WILL NOT BE COLLECTED and plates will not be passed during the service, to protect worshippers from any possible surface-based contagion. Plates are located in the narthex, for worshippers to place their gifts following the service.

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!

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion
	12:00 pm	Congregation Meeting

Next Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
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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
Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Betty Hinkle	Maryanne Huff	Atwood Huff
Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer	Bob Lancaster
Homer Linton	Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Tim Smith (Karen's husband)

*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, Gayle Wise