

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

August 8, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 18:5-9; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Verses 1 and 4)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We are called to be a community of faithful,
a fellowship of disciples, a family of the people of God.

Congregants: So we gather with humility, gentleness, and patience.

Minister: We are called to bear with one another in love.

Congregants: We are called to work for the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Minister: So let us truly worship God, with all our heart, mind, and spirit.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
You seek to gather all Your children together in grace and love.
You come to us over and over with Your mercy and goodness,
helping us to grow in our relationship with You.**

**Yet too often in our world there is division and disagreement,
rigid certainties, arrogant opinions, failures to listen.**

**Be with us this morning in forgiveness, in revelation, in wisdom,
so that in this time with You we can mature in faith and service,
and be drawn closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Hear these our silent prayers.

(Worshippers will spend time in silent prayer.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 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 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' ⁷ By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: ⁹ 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?' ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

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.

Voluntary *Like the Murmur of the Doves Song*

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,

to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 1:1-4, 10-17

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

CHURCH

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*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.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 295 *Go to the World!* (Verses 1 and 2)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: With his wisdom he made the skies. His love continues forever. He spread out the earth on the seas. His love continues forever. He made the sun and the moon. His love continues forever. He made the sun to rule the day. His love continues forever. He made the moon and stars to rule the night. His love continues forever. Psalm 136: 5-9

EARTH CARE: Use a reusable water bottle, every time. Instead of plastic, use an environmentally friendly alternative, such as stainless steel, glass or a wooden refillable bottle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with the Riley and Stevens families, following the death of Frances Stevens, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Frances' heavenly welcome.

The Discipleship ministry would like to thank the folks that participated in our Hunger Buster program. Nine bags of food were delivered to the Presbyterian Community Center.

Northminster is partnering with our VBS churches for as Back to School Outreach on August 21 at Huntington Court UMC (1-3 p.m.) Volunteers are needed for the actual event and also for packing the school supplies (August 14). if you would like to donate school supplies, please bring them to church or contact Frankie Bielawski (562-0613). Needed supplies are: wide-ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils (12 pack), 12 count colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighter, 24 count crayons, 8 count washable markers, pencil sharpener, folder with pockets (preferably vinyl or plastic), and marbled or spiraled composition books. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks to Northminster for BTS Outreach.

Circle 2 wants to welcome all the ladies of the church to join our circle. What is circle? It's a group of ladies that meet once a month. We typically meet at a restaurant or at a members home. We have a quick 10 minute lesson (we are all learning so no previous Bible knowledge is required!) We catch up with each other and socialize. We choose a group or event monthly that we support by putting a small donation in an envelope that we pass around. Any donation amount works. We support the Presbyterian center, adopted angel tree children at Christmas and have given to many other local groups. We really do have a great time and you learn so much about your church members and their families. The meeting last 2 hours or less. Our first meeting will be Tuesday Sept 7 at 6:30 at Shakers. Any questions please email me Qisalem@hotmail.com or just show up. We would love to have you.

If you have any books that you have read and don't know what to do with them, please bring them to the church for the "Little Free Library". We are need of children's books- any age and can use current adult books. Thanks, again for your support of this project.

ONLINE "ZOOM" BIBLE STUDY is being held on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00. If someone wants to join the zoom Bible study please contact the church secretary.

Calendar

Today	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Next Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship

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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

Jessee Amos	Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton
Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Ray Williams

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)
Berkley Persinger (Elise Lanford's cousin)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise