

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

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 6:1-5; Ephesians 1:3-14; Amos 7:7-15

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (Verses 1 and 2)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 130)

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits on His presence.

Congregants: Our hope is in the Word of God.

Minister: My soul waits for the Lord, in Him alone is my strength.

Congregants: Our hope is in God's grace.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God,

we gather to share our praise and thanksgiving,

to celebrate the fellowship You give to us,

and to be drawn closer to Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yet we know that we are not worthy of coming before Your throne.

We have sinned, and fallen far short of following God's path.

But You, O God, meet us with grace and goodness,

forgiving us and making us new.

Be with us now in our worship, strengthen us for Your service,

and lead us into life as Your people.

Hear these our silent prayers.

(Congregants should enter into a few moments of silent prayer.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Relentlessly God seeks us out, finding us wherever we hide from Him.
With abundant grace and mercy, He forgives and makes us His redeemed people.
This is indeed good news! In Jesus Christ, we are saved!

*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 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ² for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

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.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 6:1-13

¹ He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean

spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Gracious God, open our hearts, our minds, our spirits,
so that through Your Holy Spirit we can hear and know
what You would have us to hear and know,
and that we can be who You would have us to be,
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

THE SERMON

TRAVELING LIGHT

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 649 *Amazing Grace* (Verses 1 and 2)

*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 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (Verses 1 and 2)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

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We thank CW Markham for providing the music today.

Thought for the Week: *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.*” Genesis 8:22

EARTH CARE: Carry a reusable bag to the store. Plastic bags are choking marine life and there is no reason to ever use them!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN PLYMALE AND JENNINGS LOGAN, who will be joined in Christian matrimony next Sunday afternoon, July 18. May God richly bless their union!!

Many thanks to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. The four churches each brought talents and loving workers. A big shout out to our members who graciously gave of their time and resources. Chuck Lockard, Lynn Kirby, Hope Hale, Bob Bielawski, Kathe Baker, and Russ Merritt. It happened because of you!!

Frankie Bielawski

Liaison, Discipleship Committee

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING following the worship service on July 25. If you have business or thoughts for the elders, or if you are interested in joining the Northminster family, please contact the Minister.

Hunger Buster bags are available for anyone interested in filling them for the Presbyterian Community Center. They will be collected on July 25th and taken to the Presbyterian Center on the 26th or 27th.

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.

JUST A REMINDER: there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins.

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.

THE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY IS MAKING PLANS for children and their families to return to church. Parents are invited to share their thoughts and ideas with Frankie Bielawski, Ministry liaison.

As warm weather approaches and you start getting out your warm weather clothes, please remember that we are collecting coats and cold-weather shoes that you may be thinking about replacing for Blue Ridge Literacy. Thank you for your support of this project.

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.

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	Lois Hopkins	Barbara Jones
Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster
Homer Linton	Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz
Mary Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Ray Williams	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Woody Huff (Mary Anne Huffs son)
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
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