

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

*November 14, 2021*  
*Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 336 *We Gather Together* (Verse 1)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
for great in our midst is the Holy One! (Is. 12:6)

**Congregants: Hold fast to your hope without wavering,  
for God is faithful in His promise.** (Heb. 10:23)

Minister: Trust in the Lord, and do not be afraid.

**Congregants: Surely God is our salvation.** ((Is. 12:2)

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, Almighty Father, Source of our salvation,  
before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease,  
You and You alone are the one true God.  
In this gathering in Your presence this morning,  
give us faith and courage to be steadfast  
amid all the tumult and temptations of this world.  
We know well how often we fail, how often we fall short,  
how often we stray from Your path and Your call.**

**Stir up within us a longing for Your Kingdom,  
steady our hearts in times of trial and tribulation,  
and grant us patient endurance and repentant hearts,  
so that we can live in Your grace and sing Your praises.**

(Worshippers will pray silently.)

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Deuteronomy 14:22-26

<sup>22</sup> Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. <sup>23</sup> In the presence of the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. <sup>24</sup> But if, when the Lord your God has blessed you, the distance is so great that you are unable to transport it, because the place where the Lord your God will choose to set his name is too far away from you, <sup>25</sup> then you may turn it into money. With the money secure in hand, go to the place that the Lord your God will choose; <sup>26</sup> spend the money for whatever you wish—oxen, sheep, wine, strong drink, or whatever you desire. And you shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your household rejoicing together.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*GRACE, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING*

Russ Merritt

\*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 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* (Verse 1)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Think of a world without any flowers, Think of a world without any tree Think of a sky without sunshine, think of the air without any breeze We thank you Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine  
From the song, "God Who Made the Earth"

**EARTH CARE:** Reduce your use of plastic products. Take your bags to the store, reuse containers and properly dispose of lightweight plastics.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN CALLED for next Sunday, November 21, at the end of the morning worship service, for the purpose of receiving the report of the congregation's Nominating Committee and electing persons to serve as elders.

WE WELCOME INTO NORTHMINSTER'S MEMBERSHIP Jessica Mundy, who joins us by reaffirmation of her faith in Jesus Christ. Jessica teaches ninth grade English at Hidden Valley High School. Jessica, it's good to have you in the family!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during the morning worship service next Sunday, November 21, which is "Christ the King" Sunday, and the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Advent begins the following Sunday.

VETERANS DAY was this past Thursday. We thank all our Northminster family members who have served our country!

THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS will meet via Zoom this coming Thursday, November 18.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION will be held next Sunday, November 21, following the worship service. If you would like to join the church family, or have matters for the Session, please contact the Minister.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex if you would like to fill one. We also have labels for each box specifying girl/boy and the age group. Gift suggestions for each group are on the table with the boxes. Boxes will be picked up from the church on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can return boxes to the narthex by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your help with this mission. If you need fillers for your box, check out the table in the narthex. There are items available for your use.

Thanksgiving is coming fast and it is time for one of our traditional projects – Pies For The Rescue Mission. Each year we provide pies that the Rescue Mission can use for their holiday meal. They can be homemade, frozen or “store-bought” ready to eat and any flavor is fine. Bring them to the church kitchen on Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will **NOT** be collecting used printer cartridges anymore. RAM is no longer involved in this project. If you know of anywhere else where they can be recycled, please contact Holly Woodson. Thank you for your participation in this recycling project.

For your information, PW of the Peaks Cookbook will be available for purchase in Spring of 2022; specific date not yet announced. If you have questions, contact Judy Moore at 366-2470.

We are once again collecting adult and children's winter clothing and shoes for Blue Ridge Literacy. Many people that come to Blue Ridge Literacy arrive from the hotter regions of the world and aren't prepared for cold weather. If you have anything you can share, please leave it in the narthex.

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

### Calendar

Today	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
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Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting
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Susie Tallmage, Secretary                              Lauren Axelson, Nursery Attendant  
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**

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

**Friends and Family**

Joaquin Bielawski  
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)  
Berkley Persinger (Elise Lanford's cousin)  
Carl Utley (General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks)

**\*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