

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

*October 10, 2021*  
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Job 23:1-9; Psalm 22:1-15; Mark 10:17-31

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 826      *Lift High the Cross* (Verses 1 and 4)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We gather in the presence of Christ.

**Congregants: We gather, with spirits that are hungry and needy.**

Minister: We gather to praise, to thank, to confess, to hear.

**Congregants: We gather to draw closer to the almighty God.**

Minister: Come, let us worship our Lord.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, loving Father, gracious Lord,  
all hearts are open to You, all our needs for You revealed,  
all our desires are known and all our brokenness laid bare.**

**We come this day to find the path to Your righteousness,  
to receive strength and peace for our journey.**

**Cleanse our thoughts and deeds by Your Holy Spirit,  
and prepare us to receive Your Word and grace.**

**Hear these our silent prayers.**

(Worshippers should enter into a time of silent prayer.)

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 18 *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*  
(Verse 1)

Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator, sun, moon, and stars and angels above.  
Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens, who upholds all the earth in power and love.  
God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice! God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice!

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### 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 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord, Psalm 98 (Hymn 276)*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 1:35-51

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow

me.’<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’<sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’<sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’<sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’<sup>51</sup>And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

## THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*EVANGELISM*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

\*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: But why are people important to you? Why do you take care of human beings? You put them in charge of everything you made. You put all things under their control: all the sheep, the cattle, and the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that lives under water. Psalm 8: 4, 6-9**

**EARTH CARE: Buy in bulk. The larger portions you buy, the less packaging you use. (Buying in bulk also means fewer trips to the store, which helps cut your carbon footprint).**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan and I greatly appreciate all the many cards, prayers and other expressions of concern that we have received in the pass month or so. We feel so blessed to be a part of Northminster's loving and caring church family.

We plan to restart our men's monthly Prayer breakfast on Thursday October 21 at 8:30 AM in the Famous Anthony's restaurant located in front of the Hollins Post Office. Restaurant staff is still in short supply so they will need how many people will attend so they can have adequate servers to take care of us. Please respond to Stan Lanford by email to [Stanlanford@gmail.com](mailto:Stanlanford@gmail.com) to furnish me the names of people who plan to attend with you. We will not have a private dining room, but should be seated in a semi-private area. We will have a better location if we have a good estimate of the size group we will have. We hope to be able to meet monthly on the third Thursday of each month. We look forward to seeing you all again.

### APPLE BUTTER BOILING IS BACK!

We will resume our fellowship around the kettle Saturday, October 16. Mark your calendar to come share in the fellowship anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Reserve your jars by signing up on the sheets located across from the secretary's office or by calling our secretary, Susie, at 366-8115. If you would have difficulty picking up your order, let Susie know and we'll arrange delivery! Prices remain the same - quarts are \$8.00 and the pints are \$5.00. Remember it's available on a "first come – first serve" basis. Please note we have all the jars we need for this year.

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.

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.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2022. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 769-8736 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Calendar

Today	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Saturday	7:30 am-4:00 pm	Apple Butter Boiling
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

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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)  
Bill Woodson (Holly Woodson's son)

**\*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