

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

*October 3, 2021*  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*World Communion Sunday*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 26; Hebrews 2:5-12

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 503            *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We gather from the west to the east,  
and from the north to the south.

**Congregants: God's people gather  
from nations great and small, from all ends of the earth.**

Minister: We gather to celebrate the God  
of peace, of grace, of hope, of joy.

**Congregants: Our God is good to all His children,  
and we come to give Him praise.**

Minister: So come, let us worship God.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Our Creator God, our Redeemer Christ, our Sustaining Holy Spirit,  
We come before Your mighty throne  
in praise, in joy, in humble adoration.**

**You alone are a great God, and greatly to be praised.  
Be present with us this morning, that this house of worship  
may be a place where the darkness of this world  
is penetrated by Your holy light,  
where our troubles may be calmed by Your peace,  
where our pain may be transformed by Your suffering,  
and where death is defeated by the power of the risen Christ.  
We know well how far short of Your glory we fall,**

**in our sin and brokenness, so come to us in mercy.  
Help us to hear what we need to hear and to know,  
that we might live as you would have us to live.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

(Worshippers enter into a time of private 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 Ephesians 4:1-4

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 17:11, 20-21

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*THAT WE MIGHT BE ONE*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 767 *Together We Serve*

\*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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.*

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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

THE NORTHMINSTER FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT with the Moretz family, following the death of Mary Moretz, this past week. We praise God for His many blessings, including the assurance of Mary's' heavenly welcome.

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.

TODAY October 3rd, we will be collecting our Peace and Global Witness offering. 50% of monies collected will go to our Presbyterian Mission Agency, 25% will go to mid councils and 25% will provide scholarships to young people attending the presbytery's annual Summer Peace Camp where children learn how to answer to violence and conflict with peace-building skills. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9.

### 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.

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>.

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. Any questions please email me [Qisalem@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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 / Communion
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