

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

September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (Verses 1 and 4)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 135)

Minister: Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise Him, you servants of the Lord.

Congregants: Praise the Lord, for He is good.

He has chosen us to be His own.

Minister: The Lord has made us His treasured possession.

**Congregants: The Lord is great, in the heavens and on earth,
in the seas and all their depths.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, You created the heavens and the earth.

You have made humankind in Your image.

Teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works.

Inspire us to serve You with reverence and thanksgiving.

We know that we cannot follow where You lead,

unless Your Holy Spirit is working through us.

Forgive our brokenness, our hard-headedness, our sins,

and in our worship bring us closer to You.

Hear these our silent prayers.

(Worshippers shall enter a time of private 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 104:1-9

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, ² wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, ³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, ⁴ you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. ⁵ You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. ⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷ At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. ⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (Hymn 291)

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as

their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

FOLLOWING CHRIST'S WAY

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.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (Verses 1, 3, and 5)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Earth refers to the fragile green blue planet, that chunk of stardust in the solar system we now call home. Earth is also the domain that is filled with God's glory, the living presence of God that appeared on Sinai, in the tabernacle, and that now permeates Earth itself (Isaiah: 6.3). God's same glory is revealed in the Word made flesh from the Earth and born on planet Earth (John 1:14)

EARTH CARE: Reuse your plastics. Have plastic bottles? Find new purposes for them, like watering your plants. Have a plastic margarine tub? It's perfect for left overs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING next Sunday after the worship service. If you would like join the Northminster family, or if you have matters for the elders, please share that with the Minister.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 3, in the morning worship service.

On 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 11th.

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 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
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting

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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	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
Mary 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