

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

September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 299 *Your Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* (Verses 1 and 2)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Creator of the heavens and the earth.

**Congregants: Cry out with joy to the Lord,
all the earth.**

Minister: Worship our God with gladness,
come into His presence with thanksgiving.

**Congregants: For He is good, His grace is amazing,
and He has made us His people.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
we gather to praise You for Your great glory.**

**To You all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from Whom no secrets are hid.**

Even as we sing to You our praise,

We confess that we have sinned against You

**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

In our worship this day touch us with Your forgiveness,

help us amend who we are, direct what we shall be,

and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit.

Hear these our silent prayers.

(Worshippers enter a time of silent prayer and reflection.)

*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 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 9:33-37

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE COMMITTED LIFE

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (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 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (Verses 1 and 2)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. Ecclesiastes 2:5

EARTH CARE: Stop using plastic straws. If you do need a straw, insist on a paper one or carry your own glass or metal straw that can be washed and used again and again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS LOVE and Support with the family of Bethany Price, who joined the Church Triumphant August 24, 2021. Bethany was a true disciple, who loved the Lord and gave herself to sharing his love to others. To God be the glory!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated school supplies and/or money to our community "Back to School" event. We were able to pack 200+ packs of supplies for area children. Thank you as well to those who volunteered on the 14th to pack the bags and to those who showed up for the actual event on the 21st.

The Choir will begin to sing for worship on Sunday, September 19th. We welcome new members! Please speak with Melissa Hudson if you would like to sing with us.

Rally Day is September 12!!

Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:45. We hope you will join us for fellowship and the beginning of our Sunday School year!

Cire 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. Our first meeting will be Tuesday Sept 7 at 6:30 at Shakers. 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.

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.

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Morning Worship
Next Sunday	Rally Day	
	9:30 – 10:45 am	Donuts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 - 10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship / Communion

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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
Gary Harris	Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones
Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster
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)

***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