

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

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: All those who thirst, come
to the cleansing waters of life!

**Congregants: All who hunger for food for body
and spirit, come to the one who is the Bread of Life.**

Minister: Feed upon the Word, and find that it is good!

**Congregants: Incline Your ear and listen,
and find life in God.**

Minister: Let us turn our hearts and minds to Him.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Mighty God of creation, loving God of redemption,
ever-present God of sustenance and vision,
You alone have made the suns and stars,**

**You alone have shown us grace everlasting,
You alone have promised to guide us all our days.
Be with us in our worship this day,
so that in the wilderness of Lent we find
new understanding, new practices for life,
new energy for service, new hope for tomorrow.
We know well that we continue to stray from Your path,
losing ourselves in the wilderness of sinfulness.
Gracious Savior, bring us back to You this Lent.
Receive us, redeem us, transform us. Make us new.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 576 *Lord Have Mercy*

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 12:27-30

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

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

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

arr. Cindy Johnston

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' ¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." ¹⁹Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." ²⁰Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." ²²And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." ²³Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' '

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

BEING THE BODY

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 209

My Song is Love Unknown

*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 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the Month:

Lord you have made many things; with your wisdom you made them all. The earth is full of your riches. Psalm 104:24

Earth Care:

Carry a reusable bag to the grocery store and retail store or ask for a paper bag and buy orange juice and other drinks in a carton rather than a plastic bottle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for the care and support that you have shown the Brammer family over these last few days and months. So thankful to be a part of this Church Family.

OUR ANNUAL MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held April 14 at 7:00 p.m., and will include the "stripping of the church" ceremony, as well as the celebration of Holy Communion. This is always a special worship experience, so we encourage you to make plans to join us that evening.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our Easter worship service. Please be in prayer and spiritual preparation as we gather to celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Northminster delivered 16 bags of food and one cash donation to the Presbyterian Center. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Hunger Buster!

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for the annual Easter egg hunt. If you can donate candy please leave it in the church office by April 10th .

Our church has sent \$500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund. This money will provide assistance to those Ukrainians who are fleeing to neighboring countries. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. If you would like to add money to this fund, please make your check to Northminster and add DR000156-Ukraine on the "for line".

It's that time of year when you start thinking of putting away your "cold weather" clothes and getting out your "warm weather" clothes. If you have coats that you may replacing next year or any children's winter clothing, please consider donating it to Blue Ridge Literacy. You can leave them in the narthex.

The PW are launching their annual Sunnyside Project for the month of March. We will be collecting (sundries/toiletries) for the men and women who reside at Sunnyside. The items may include lotions, shampoo, bath soap, deodorant, shaving cream, after shave, toothpaste, mouthwash; also, crossword puzzle books, word search books, etc. Collection boxes will be provided in Narthex. Contacts: Sherry Moses or Judy Moore. Please help us make this project a big success. Many thanks for your participation.

I have found an organization that will take used printer cartridges. It is Angels of Assisi, an animal protection organization. So bring in your used ink printer cartridges and we will recycle them for you. There will be a container on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Holly Woodson. Thank you.

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	Sunday School Morning Worship

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Pastor. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Pastor know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey	Bernie Barger
Frances Bowling	Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton
Chuck Lockard	Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Ken Riding
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Helen Taylor
Jo Ann Threlkeld		

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)
Terry Foss (Sherry Moses)
John Morris (Sherry Moses)
Dan Kiser (Tim and Karen Smith)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Tom Hale, Gary Harris, Vee Hayes, Jyke Jones, Daniel Kirby, Lynn Kirby, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Dora Slee, Gayle Wise