



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

August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 24)

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

**Congregants: For God has founded it on the seas,
and has established it on the rivers.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
and who shall stand in God's holy presence?

Congregants: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.

Minister: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Congregants: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Holy God, Almighty Father, ever-present Spirit,
You came to us in the person of Jesus Christ,
to live among us, to share our living and our dying,
to call and guide us to better love one another.
We come now before You to give praise and thanksgiving,**

**to hear Your Word, to find our way on Your path.
We have sinned and fallen far short of Your glory,
and need to be filled again with Your grace.
Be with us this day as we seek to understand and to follow.
Guide us by Your love and Your light.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*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 88

¹ O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, ² let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry. ³ For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. ⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help, ⁵ like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. ⁶ You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep. ⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*
⁸ You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; ⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*
¹¹ Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹² Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness? ¹³ But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. ¹⁴ O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵ Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.

¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.

¹⁸ You have caused friend and neighbour to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

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.

DUET *If You Only Had Faith* (Hymn 176) Lauren Godsey and Jessica Mundy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. ⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE SILENCE OF GOD

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Earth Care:

Save money by saving energy. Adjust your thermostat, turn off those unused lights, insulate doors and windows and wash clothes and dishes in cool water.

Creation Care thought :

He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.

They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds of the sky nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.

He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:

Psalm 104:10-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We delivered 12 Hunger Buster bags to the Presbyterian Community Center. Many thanks to this people who contributed.

If anyone would like to donate to the Presbyterian Community Center School Supply Needs for this school year, a list of items they need are on the bulletin board across from the office.

THE ANNUAL NORTHMINSTER 'GATHERING SUNDAY" will be held August 28. Like last year, the "Gathering" will include a wonderful worship service, with special music and an important message. There will also be other special additions to our time together in praise and devotion. Following the service we will share a delicious picnic luncheon, many fellowship activities, and wonderful times with each other, building the Body of Christ! Please make your plans to join us!

The Rescue Mission is looking for volunteers. If you want to know more about what it involves and have access to a computer, just log in to rescuemission.net/volunteer. You can also contact Volunteer Coordinator Harlee McKinney at 540-343-7227 ext. 7628 or email at harlee.mckinney@rescuemission.net. Karen Gwitt volunteers there and would also be glad to give you some information. You can sign up online for specific dates and times.

Our nursery attendant, Lauren Axelson, will be losing her helper, sister Caitlin Godsey in August. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet across from the church office.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30. The Minister will be offering a Sunday School class--"Pilgrimage"--each Sunday morning at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you with us throughout the summer!

The is no KidVid for children during the summer months.

We are collecting devotional material to be delivered to jails and shelters. If you have any that you are done with, don't throw it away, donate it! You can place your devotional material in the box located in the narthex.

JUST A REMINDER: there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins

