



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

August 28, 2022
Twelfth 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

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN *This is the Day*

**This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: I was glad when they said to me,
"Come, let us go to the house of the Lord."

**Congregants: We come this day
for God's Spirit of life, peace, and wholeness.**

Minister: We come to know Christ's presence
among and within us, filling each of us with joy,
and building His Body together.

**Congregants: We gather to build unity,
to find support, encouragement, and community.**

Minister: We come to learn more of God and His grace,
to commit ourselves to Him, and to follow where He leads.

**Congregants: We come to love and to be loved,
to share and to build, to praise and to grow.**

Minister: Sisters and brothers, it is so wonderful to say this:
Come, let us worship our God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)**

**God Almighty, Rock of Ages,
our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in praise and thanksgiving, in worship and adoration,
we come into Your presence and bow before Your throne.
Your goodness is beyond measure or imagination,
Your grace is like an ocean to the teardrop that is our sin.
We know well that we are not worthy of Your grace,
and that we fall so far short of Your love in Jesus Christ.
Yet it is Your promise that we find a home in You,
and that forgiveness is ours as we confess and repent.
Hear our cries for Your loving embrace,
and be with us now as we seek to draw closer to You.
Hear these our silent prayers.
(Worshippers enter into 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 31:1-4, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³ You are indeed my rock and my

fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Men's Quartet

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 14:1-14

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

TOGETHER AGAIN

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 625 *How Great Thou Art*

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

TODAY IS A SPECIAL "TOGETHER AGAIN" SUNDAY, as we celebrate the Northminster family gathering together for faith and fellowship at the end of the summer, rejoicing in God's goodness. We encourage you to stay with us following the service, to help "build the Body"!

NEXT SUNDAY September 4th our Sunday School will start at 10:00 am and Worship Service at 11:00 am.

Marie and I hope to encourage you to take care of the earth. So, we have placed in the bulletin some thoughts. Thought for the Month will reference words of wisdom through scripture and other sources. Earth Care will give you ideas on how to take care of the earth. We hope you will read and think of how we can save God's creation. Holly

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 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.

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.

Calendar

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service BACK TOGETHER AGAIN PICNIC
Next Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

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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	Frances Bowling
Pam Claterbaugh	Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Reba Kling	Sheila Lancaster	Homer Linton
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Ken Riding	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
JoAnn Threlkeld		

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski	Annette Daughty
Shirley Basham	Terry Foss
Donna Betters	John Morris
Mabel Bowman	

*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

