

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

February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:12-20

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Out of the fullness of our God-given lives,
we come to worship, to listen, to share, to commit.

**Congregants: With thanks, we offer to God
the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts,
and the joy of our spirits.**

Minister: We love others because God first loved us,
freeing us from the power of sin and death.

**Congregants: With gladness and in faith,
we join together to adore and praise God--
Creator, living Word, and Holy Spirit.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Great Shepherd of our lives, God of great and small,
guide us and lead us in our gathering this day,
so that we can find green pastures
and enjoy the still waters of Your Spirit.**

**We know well that we have failed to be
what You have in Your goodness created us to be.**

**We have often sinned in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your grace.**

**Be with us now, touch our minds and hearts and spirits,
let us know of Your love and Your mercy,**

**and help us to live in Your light and abide in Your ways.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 439 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* (Psalm 103) Verse 3

Far as east from west is distant,
God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father
has the Lord's compassion been.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you
enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will
contend with Israel. ³'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you?
Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house
of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what
happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' ⁶'With
what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before
him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and
what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God?

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

Blest Are They

David Haas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

DO IT

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 852 *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

(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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the Month:

God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches and a thousand tempests and floods. But He cannot save them from fools-John Muir

Care for Creation:

When offered a choice, select paper, glass or metal packaging so you will use less plastic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be at Famous Anthony's near the Hollins Post Office Thursday, February 17th at 8:30. We hope to see you there and please bring a friend.

A meeting of the congregation has been called Sunday, February 20th to elect persons to nominating committee for 2022

It's Hunger Buster time! If you would like to participate, pick up a bag in the narthex. We will take all bags to the Presbyterian Community Center on March 21st.

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
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast Famous Anthony's in Hollins
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

Jessee Amos	Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey
Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Jim Cregger
Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling
Bob Lancaster	Stan Lanford	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)

***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