

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

February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Gen. 45:3-11; Psalm 37:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 805 *Come Sing to God* (Psalm 30)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise God from the ends of the earth!

Congregants: God Who created us now says:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

Minister: "I have called you by name, and you are Mine.

Congregants: "When you pass through the waters

I will be with you.

Minister: "And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

Congregants: "For I am the Lord your God, Your Savior.

You are precious in My eyes."

Minister: So come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Our heavenly Father, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
Your love courses through our lives like a flowing river,
abundant in grace and power, in peace and joy.

We gather now to worship and adore You,
to sing Your praise and hear Your Word.

Yet we confess that too often

we have not stopped to be refreshed by Your Spirit.

We have bypassed streams of mercy
and have forfeited the strength You offer for our journey.

**Come to us now in this time together,
touch us and inspire us and heal us,
and forgive us of our sinfulness.
May this be a time when we are drawn closer to You.
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 Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'⁷ By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: ⁹ 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?' ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!' ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸ He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

SEARCHING FOR THE REAL THING

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 629 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

*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 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (Verses 1 and 2)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting of the congregation has been called Sunday, February 20th to elect persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2022.

The Discipleship Ministry will meet after church on Sunday, February 27th. Lunch will be served. If you would like to join our ministry, please contact Lynn Kirby so she can add you to the lunch count.

Thank you to all the folks who contributed soup and crackers to our Souper Bowl for the League of Older Americans.

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.

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 12:00 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Discipleship Ministry Meeting

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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)
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