

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

February 27, 2022
Transfiguration of the Lord

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; Luke 9:28-36

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 33)

Minister: We wait in hope for the Lord.

Congregants: He alone is our help and our shield.

Minister: In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust
in God's holy name.

**Congregants: May Your unfailing love rest upon us,
O Lord, even as we put our hope in You.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

we pray for Your blessing on us in this time and place.

**Here may the faithful find strength for their journey,
and here may the weary find rest.**

**Here may the doubting find faith,
and here may the anxious be encouraged.**

**Here may the tempted be anchored,
and here may the sorrowful find comfort.**

**We know well how often we fail and fall,
and how much we need Your grace and mercy.**

**May we know Your loving forgiveness,
and be inspired to serve where You call.**

Here these our silent prayers.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 439 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* (Verses 1 and 2)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name; bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 103

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. ²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

I Danced in the Morning Lord of the Dance

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 2:1-12

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

FRIENDSHIP

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

*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 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOUR MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH (Discipleship, Worship, Stewardship, and Fellowship) will meet this afternoon following the worship service. Lunch will be provided. Every church family member is encouraged to join a Ministry, in service to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during the morning service next Sunday, March 6, the first Sunday of Lent.
Please be in prayerful preparation as we approach the Lord's Table of grace.

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.

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 / Communion

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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	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