

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

*January 16, 2022*  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 733 *We All Are One in Mission* (Verses 1 and 2)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89) (unison)

**We will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord.**  
**We will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.**  
**We declare that Your steadfast love is established forever,**  
**and Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**  
**Come, let us worship our God.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**God of the Word of life,**  
**God of strength and purpose,**  
**God of our calling and our sending,**  
**we come before You in worship to share our praise,**  
**to hear Your Voice, to discern Your path.**  
**As we offer you our hearts, remind us**  
**that we are all called to ministry in Your name,**  
**various and unique ways, using gifts of Your Spirit.**  
**Forgive our many sins,**  
**guide us by Your light this day and every day,**  
**so that we might share Your love**  
**in this broken and beloved world.**  
**Hear these our silent prayers.**

(Worshippers will enter into a time of private prayer.)

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's mercy abounds.

His grace goes before us, after us, and through us,  
restoring us and empowering us  
for participation in His work in the world.  
Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:  
we are forgiven and restored,  
set on the paths of God's justice and peace.

## \*RESPONSE HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (Verse 2)

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 12:27-30

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

### 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.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 14:15-24

<sup>15</sup> One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' <sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." <sup>19</sup> Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out;

please accept my apologies.”<sup>20</sup> Another said, “I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.”<sup>21</sup> So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.”<sup>22</sup> And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.”<sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.<sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.” ’

## THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*ON BEING THE BODY*

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 300      *We Are one in the Spirit*  
(They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love) Verses 1-3

\*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 321      *The Church’s One Foundation* (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*We welcome and thank Debbie McCorkindale  
for providing the music today.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who help contribute to the mitten tree. We received 34 items.

We will **NOT** be collecting used printer cartridges anymore. RAM is no longer involved in this project. If you know of anywhere else where they can be recycled, please contact Holly Woodson. Thank you for your participation in this recycling project.

**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

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister 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	Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling
Bob Lancaster	Stan Lanford	Homer Linton
Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Ken Riding	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Jo Ann Threlkeld	

**Friends and Family**

Joaquin Bielawski  
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)

**\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise