

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

January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; Luke 4:14-21

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

ORDINATION OF INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

*HYMN OF PRAISE 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Verses 1 and 4)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 126)

Minister: When the Lord restored the fortunes of His people,

Congregants: we were like those who dreamed.

Minister: Then our hearts and spirits were filled with laughter,

Congregants: and our mouths with shouts of joy.

Minister: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord
has done great things for them."

**Congregants: The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
so let us rejoice and give thanks!**

Minister: Come, let us worship our God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Creator of all worlds, Savior of all the living and dead,
we celebrate this day with You.**

**As we gather in worship, open us to fresh opportunities,
rescue us from old dilemmas,**

**replace the weariness and pain and sadness
with the promise of hope and joy.**

**You alone are the God of new years and new moments,
and You are with us each and every day,**

yet we acknowledge that we are still sorting things out.

We are apprehensive, even anxious about what lies ahead.

**Help us to live beyond our past and to see You in our future,
and help us to be fully with You in this present day.
Embolden and envision us to find ways to serve You,
and to become the disciples You call us to be.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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 Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' ³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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 *Give Thanks - In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Hymns 647 and 654

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Thessalonians 5:12-28

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none

of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

DIFFERENCES

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (Verse 1)

*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 634 *To God Be the Glory*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE the ordination/installation of newly-elected and trained elders, to serve on the Session in the Class of 2024. May God's Holy Spirit be with each of them as servant leaders of His Church!

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING today following the worship service. If you would like to join the Northminster family, or if you have business of thoughts for the Session, please let the Minister know.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our morning worship service on February 6. Please be in prayer and preparation as we come to the Lord's Table of grace.

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 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting
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 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
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: 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