

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

***July 10, 2022***  
***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***



***WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!***

## GATHER JOYFULLY

### THE PRELUDE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Luke 10:25-37

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

### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 634 *To God Be the Glory*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 148)

Minister: Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Congregants: Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Minister: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for His name alone is exalted.

**Congregants: His glory is above earth and heaven!**

Minister: Come, let us worship our God!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Eternal God, Maker, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
You have called us to be special people,  
to proclaim the Gospel, to share Your love and grace,  
to show mercy and forgiveness, to live as disciples,  
and to serve You by bringing healing to this broken world.  
May Your Spirit be with us in our gathering,  
so that in everything we may do Your will.  
We know well we have stumbled and been misguided,  
and we have sinned against You and one another.  
Forgive us, we pray, and make us new.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 27:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Colossians 1:11-23

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body\* through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*MADE BY GOD*

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

**GO FAITHFULLY**

HYMN OF DEDICATION 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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*We welcome and thank C.W. Markham for leading  
our music this morning.*

***Thought for the month:***

***Thoughts from Pelagius, a monk from Wales (ca.360-430). The sacredness of Nature:  
We cannot do whatever we wish to the body of the earth, but are to honor it as our own  
body. The great resources of land and sea, these are for all. They are given for the well-  
being of every people and every nation, not just for the well-being of some.***

***Earth Care:***

***Create a backyard wildlife habitat. Native plants provide food and shelter for native  
wildlife. Attracting native insects like bees and butterflies can help pollinate your plants  
and provide food for native birds. Avoid planting non-native plants, which compete with  
native species for resources and habitat.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our morning  
worship service.

Circle 1 meets Tuesday, July 12th at 11:30 am at Pete's Deli.

We will be collecting Hunger Buster bags for the Presbyterian Community Center on  
August 7th. If you would like to participate, please pick up a bag from the table in the  
narthex.

The Rescue Mission is looking for volunteers. If you want to know more about what it  
involves and have access to a computer, just log in to [rescuemission.net/volunteer](http://rescuemission.net/volunteer). You  
can also contact Volunteer Coordinator Harlee McKinney at 540-343-7227 ext. 7628 or  
email at [harlee.mckinney@rescuemission.net](mailto:harlee.mckinney@rescuemission.net). Karen Gwitt volunteers there and would  
also be glad to give you some information. You can sign up online for specific dates and  
times.

Our nursery attendant, Lauren Axelson, will be losing her helper, sister Caitlin Godsey in  
August. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet across from the church  
office.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30. The Minister will be offering a Sunday School class-- "Pilgrimage"--each Sunday morning at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you with us throughout the summer!

There is no KidVid for children during the summer months.

We are collecting devotional material to be delivered to jails and shelters. If you have any that you are done with, don't throw it away, donate it! You can place your devotional material in the box located in the narthex.

It's that time of year when you start thinking of putting away your "cold weather" clothes and getting out your "warm weather" clothes. If you have coats that you may be replacing next year or any children's winter clothing, please consider donating it to Blue Ridge Literacy. The old Scout room located in the Sunday school hallway has been designated as a space to house donated coats and winter clothes for refugees. You can put your donations there.

**JUST A REMINDER:** there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins.

#### Calendar

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service / Communion
Tuesday	11:30 am	Circle 1 meets at Pete's Deli
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service

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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**

Ann Bailey

Barry Ferrell

Barbara Jones

Bob Lancaster

Susan Lockard

Mac Pace

Sandy Smith

Bill Bailey

Maggie Hambrick

Dennis Kincer

Homer Linton

Floyd Moretz

Ken Riding

JoAnn Threlkeld

Frances Bowling

Jake Hayes

Reba Kling

Chuck Lockard

Ann Pace

Buddy Smith

**Friends and Family**

Joaquin Bielawski

Shirley Basham

Donna Betters

Mabel Bowman

Annette Daughy

Terry Foss

John Morris

**\*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