

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

June 26, 2022
Third 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

Psalm 16; Galatians 5:13-25; Luke 9:51-62

(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 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: God of creation, nurture us with the love of Christ.

Congregants: He alone is the vine of everlasting life.

Minister: Plant us in the soil of Your grace,

for Your grace is the foundation that grounds us.

**Congregants: Enlighten us with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit,
which flows through this community of faith.**

Minister: Abide now in us, that we might abide in You.

**Congregants: Give us this day Your light, Your Word, Your love,
that we might draw closer to You.**

Minister: Come, let us worship our God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Almighty God, Heavenly Father,
we pray for Your blessing on us in this time and this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comforted.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here might we all share the confession of our sinfulness,
the brokenness of our world, our deep need for Your forgiveness.
Here might we find the grace that is ours through Jesus Christ alone.
Be with us now in our worship, and 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 Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Take Us As We Are, O God Hymn 312

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THIS IS THE CHURCH

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 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the Month:

God created humanity in God's own image...and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take care of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. Genesis 1:27-31 CEB

Earth care:

Ways to Use Less Plastic: 1. Carry reusable bags to the grocery store. 2. Use a reusable water bottle every time. 3. Stop using plastic straws. 4. Buy powdered detergent (boxed).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We had an enjoyable evening at the Salem Red Sox game this past Wednesday. Thirty-one tickets were picked up. Many thanks to Kim O'Conner and Comfort Suites for donating the tickets.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 3, there will be a special ecumenical gathering of neighborhood churches, meeting in Huff Lane Park across from Northminster, sharing in a songfest and celebrating the birth of our nation. Our men's quartet will be singing, along with special music from other congregations. Make your plans now to join us--and remember to bring a folding chair.

THE MINISTRIES OF THE SESSION meet after worship this morning. All members of the church family are invited to join one of our church's Ministry teams (Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, and Stewardship). Lunch will be served.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our morning worship service on Sunday, July 10.

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 Session Meeting
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