

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

*March 20, 2022*  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 167      *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: With my whole heart I seek You, O God.

**Congregants: I treasure Your Word in my heart.**

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits on Him.

**Congregants: In His holy Word I find my hope and joy.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God together.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**God of creation, God of mercy, ever-present God,**

**grant that the time in Your Presence this morning,**

**the blessed fellowship we share together,**

**the praise and thanksgiving we share from our hearts,**

**the Word You speak for our spirits,**

**may take root in our lives and our living,**

**and bear fruit to Your honor and glory.**

**We know well that when You guide, we fail to follow.**

**We remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of sin.**

**Free us from our failures, O God, and save us from ourselves.**

**Forgive us of our sinfulness, we pray, and make us new.**

**Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

### 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

*Blest are They Whose Spirits Long*

G.F. Handel, arr. Hopson

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON

*LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS*

Russ Merritt

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

### \*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 310      *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Sydney Bowling Duncan in honor of her mother,  
Frances Bowling, on her 97th birthday, March 18.*

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### ***Earth Care:***

***If the world reduced meat consumption by 15% it would save the same greenhouse gas emissions as taking 240 million cars off the road each year. Consider planning for meatless Mondays during Lent. Learn more and get recipe ideas at [www.meatlessmonday.com](http://www.meatlessmonday.com).***

***Thought for the Month: Deuteronomy 10:14 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission ministry would like to recognize Helen Taylor for sewing over 300 pillowcase dresses for young girls in Africa. While Mrs. Taylor may not be able to attend church, she is doing God's work and making a difference in the lives of countless girls. We thank her for her time and her talent!

Our church has sent \$500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund. This money will provide assistance to those Ukrainians who are fleeing to neighboring countries. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. If you would like to add money to this fund, please make your check to Northminster and add DR000156-Ukraine on the "for line".

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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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. You can leave them in the narthex.

**THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING** next Sunday afternoon, March 27, following the morning worship service. If you have business for the elders, or if you wish to join the Northminster family, please contact the Minister.

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 2:00 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Kid's Play Zone at Skate Center
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Morning Worship Session Meeting

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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	Bill Bailey	Bernie Barger
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