

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

May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5, John 14:23-29

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minster: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanks

and the Courts of God with praise;

Give thanks and bless God's holy name!

Congregants: For the Lord is good; God's love is eternal, and God's faithfulness has no end.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Triune God, our loving father, Great and ever present,

We praise you and sing to your holy name for you are creator, sustainer, to Jesus our redeemer, and Savior. Glory to you Holy Spirit who consoles us, advocates for us, and guides all we say and do. Our praise will always be for the One whose grace is unfailing and immeasurable. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (responsive)

Minster: If we say we have no sin

We deceive ourselves,

The truth is not in us.

But, when we confess our shortcomings,

Our faithful, just God will forgive us,

cleanse us and make us right again.

Trusting God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Congregants: Forgive us O God

According to your grace and love;

and your great mercy

Erase our failings and forgive us, O God

for we know our faults, and our sin is never hidden from you. In your abundant love, forgive us and create a new, right spirit in us we pray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The past is left behind and the present and future are fresh and new. Believe the good news friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Verse 4)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Job 11:7-12

⁷ 'Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? ⁸ It is higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? ⁹ Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. ¹⁰ If he passes through, and imprisons, and assembles for judgement, who can hinder him? ¹¹ For he knows those who are worthless; when he sees iniquity, will he not consider it? ¹² But a stupid person will get understanding, when a wild ass is born human.

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

We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek, Hymn 817

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD 2 Corinthians 5:5-10

⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

Expect The Unexpected

Felecia Parsell
Based on 2 Corinthians 5:5-10

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 697 *Take My Life*

*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 826 *Lift High the Cross*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the month of May:

The Lord made the earth, using his wisdom. He set the sky in place, using his understanding. With his knowledge, he made springs flow into rivers and the clouds drop rain on the earth. Proverbs 3: 19-20

Earth Care: Since we are now in the mowing season follow this "green" tip. When you mow, "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them. The clippings will return nutrients to the soil instead of taking up space in the landfills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY OUR WORSHIP, will be led by Felecia Parsell, who was just commissioned as Presbytery's Missional Commissioned Pastor for the Roanoke area. The Minister will be on study leave over the Memorial Day week-end, planning sermons for the next several months. (He'll also spend some time vacationing while away!)

To Northminster, your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Your kind and caring words have meant so much to me through this difficult time. I am so thankful that we were not hurt or worse. Houses can be fixed. God is good, all the time. Kay James

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!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday morning, June 5, during the worship service.

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.

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.

The Red Sox baseball team is hosting their Faith and Family night on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Discipleship committee thought this would be a great chance to get families together for a night of fellowship. We will get a block of reserved tickets. Please let Susie know if your family is interested in attending. The tickets will be paid for and all you have to do is pick them up and join us at the ball field.

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.

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 Worship Service
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service / 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 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	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	Jo Ann Threlkeld

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski	Annette Daughy
Shirley Basham	Terry Foss
Donna Betters	John Morris
Mabel Bowman	

***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