



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

*November 20, 2022*  
***CHRIST THE KING Sunday***

**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

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20

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

### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

May the presence of Christ be with you, this day and always.

### GATHERING HYMN 336 *We Gather Together*

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Jesus Christ is the Lord of Lords,  
the King of Kings.

**Congregants: We pray that his Kingdom will reign  
forever in our hearts and in this world.**

Minister: We seek his Kingdom in this world,  
bringing peace, hope, joy, and love for all.

**Congregants: Lord, we come in worship,  
asking that you rule in our lives.**

Minister: So come, let us give ourselves in worship  
to our God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord Jesus, we come now in praise and thanksgiving,  
gathering before your throne of grace.**

**We thank you for being a different kind of king.**

**Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.**

**Thank you for your rule of generous love and compassion.**

**Thank you for your Kingdom on earth,  
reflecting the glorious Kingdom still to come.**

**We know well that we are not deserving of your reign.  
We often have our own plans and agendas,  
and we want to be rulers of our world.  
Forgive us for those times, and help us  
to live as your Kingdom people in these challenging times.  
Help us to spread good news of your eternal reign.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

On this Christ the King Sunday, hear good news!  
Jesus Christ is our sovereign King,  
he alone is the world's salvation,  
in his grace do we find our redemption.  
He is our Lord and Savior, and in him we are forgiven.  
Praise his holy name!

**\*RESPONSE HYMN 538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises***

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
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(Repeat)**

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

### **THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

*To Be a Pilgrim*

Nicholas Burt

This hymn (also known as “He Who Would Valiant Be”) is an English Christian hymn using words of John Bunyan in *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. It recalls the words of Hebrews 11:13.

## THE SECOND READING OF GOD’S WORD Matthew 25:31-40

<sup>31</sup> ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

## THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Minister)

Our God, as we celebrate the reign of our Lord Jesus, may his light of truth shine on us, dispelling darkness, and opening our eyes and ears and hearts and spirits to the message of His Word, through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SERMON

*CHRIST THE KING*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*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 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to join us for our traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon today following the morning worship service.

Advent devotional booklets are available for pick-up. You can find yours on the narthex table. If you don't see an envelope with your name on it, please contact Lynn Kirby or the church office and we will get one to you.

The Discipleship ministry made the decision this year to concentrate our efforts on the surrounding community. Because of this decision, we will not be participating in Operation Christmas Child. We do hope to work Round Hill Elementary School. We have been in contact with the principal there, Dr. Brenda Russ. One thing we are doing is sending money to support kids who cannot afford field trip fees. Our money will also go to purchase items to help settle children with ADD, ADHD or other anxiety issues. We have also talked about doing a movie night, helping with landscaping around the school, and supporting teachers with a breakfast or lunch in December. In addition to working with Round Hill students, we have sent out postcards to our surrounding neighbors to invite them to our Lessons and Carols and our Christmas Eve services. We hope this will be a way to introduce our church to neighbors who may be looking for a church home.

**THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING** on Sunday, December 4, following the morning worship service. If you have business, ideas, or concerns for the elders, or if you would like to become a member of Northminster, please contact the Minister.

The Ronald McDonald House has collected tab tops for many years. Both Northminster and Green Ridge Collected in the past. We are now collecting all tab tops for the Ronald McDonald House. Please start saving them now. Put a container in your kitchen and start collecting today.

We are looking for volunteers to help Lauren in the nursery each Sunday. if you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

## Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Luncheon
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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Ministers...Members of Northminster

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	Frances Bowling
Pam Claterbaugh	Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Sheila Lancaster	Homer Linton	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Ken Riding
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	

Friends and Family

Nancy Assaid	
Joaquin Bielawski	Annette Daughty
Shirley Basham	Terry Foss
Donna Betters	John Morris
Mabel Bowman	Vicki Widener
Jay Taylor	
Owen Merritt	

\*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