



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

*November 6, 2022*  
*Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost*

*All Saints 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

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; II Thessalonians 2:1-5

(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, from Isaiah 25 and Psalm 24)

Minister: The earth and all that is in it belong to God, the Holy One.

**Congregants: Let us be glad, and rejoice in our salvation.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One,  
and who shall stand in this holy place?

**Congregants: We come, seeking the face of the Lord.**

Minister: Let us worship our God.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 326 *For All the Saints*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Faithful Redeemer, You are the beginning and ending of all things.**

**You promise to wipe away every tear,**

**You assure us that death and mourning will be no more.**

**You make Your home among us and within us,  
and abide with us and strengthen us as our God.**

**We gather now to remember and praise Your goodness,  
to give You thanksgiving for Your many gifts,  
to hear Your Word and follow Your Spirit.**

**We know we fall short of Your calling,  
and so we ask Your forgiveness.**

**Bring us back, and restore our trust in You.**

**Teach us to live as the saints You call us to be,  
so that we may truly be Your people, living and doing Your Will.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)**

Hear Good News. Alpha and Omega, beginning and end of all,  
God Himself has come to be with us in Jesus Christ,  
that our sins and our tears will be wiped away,  
and we will know forgiveness and eternal life.  
Glory to God. Amen.

**\*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 Psalm 65**

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, <sup>2</sup>O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. <sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. <sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. <sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. <sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. <sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

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*

David Haas

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Minister)

Your Word is the light unto our feet that we need in our darkness.  
Illuminate our path now, we pray, O God. Open our minds,  
our hearts, our spirits for the moving of Your Holy Spirit,  
that we will be drawn closer to You, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SERMON

*ORDINARY PEOPLE*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 683

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

\*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 730      *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the Month:

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you. Speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea tell you. Every one of these knows that the hand of the Lord has done this. The life of every creature and the breath of all people are in God's hand. Job 12:7-10

Earth Care:

After the Thanksgiving season you will likely have leftovers. A great way to be a steward to the Earth is to consume your food. Did you know that Americans throw away 25% of the food they buy? By eating your leftovers, you are not only saving money but also preventing energy waste from food production. Not to mention you are keeping them from taking up space in a landfill.

**ON THIS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**, we thank God for those saints from our midst who have joined the Church Triumphant in 2021 and 2022:

Bill Waddell (4/28/21)

Jim Warren (6/20/21)

Harley Walker (7/3/21)

Lois Hopkins (7/16/21)

Frances Stevens (7/29/21)

Bethany Price (7/29/21)

Ray Williams (8/30/21)

Mary Moretz (9/20/21)

Rose Howard (11/17/21)

Mary Simpson (12/16/21)

Michael Hambrick (2/5/22)

Bobby Brammer (3/26/22)

Bernie Barger (5/28/22)

Robert Lancaster (8/6/22)

Matt Williams (9/13/22)

Reba Kling (9/22/22)

JoAnn Threlkeld (9/23/22)

We thank God for each of them, and praise Him for the place He has given them in His Kingdom!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle 1 meets Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Church.

On behalf of Northminster, the Discipleship Ministry has sent a check in the amount of \$500 to help with the hurricane relief efforts in Florida.

Thanksgiving is coming fast and it is time for one of our traditional projects – Pies For The Rescue Mission. Each year we provide pies that the Rescue Mission can use for their holiday meal. They can be homemade, frozen or “store-bought” ready to eat and any flavor is fine. Bring them to the church kitchen on Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

After church the Fellowship committee is sponsoring a traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon for our members, their family and friends. Sign up on the form in the Narthex or call Susie in the church office at 540-366-8115 so we will know how many to expect from your family. We want to make sure we have plenty of food for everyone!!

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.

If you and your family would like to participate in the 2 cents a meal program, please pick up a box in the narthex. You will also find an explanation of what the 2 cents a meal is all about. Our church received grant money from this fund to help defray expenses to put food in our Blessing Box. Once your box is full, you can return it to the church.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in Peace. Isaiah 55:12.

Through the Peace and Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation here at home and abroad. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation, 25% goes to work in our region and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done across the globe. If you would like to donate, please pick up an offering envelope and brochure in the narthex.

Marie and I hope to encourage you to take care of the earth. So, we have placed in the bulletin some thoughts. Thought for the Month will reference words of wisdom through scripture and other sources. Earth Care will give you ideas on how to take care of the earth. We hope you will read and think of how we can save God's creation. Holly

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.

AS A REMINDER: we are collecting **used ink cartridges** (all sizes) **and used medicine bottles** that must be clean and have the labels removed. The container is on the table in the Narthex. These items will go to Angels of Assisi in Roanoke.

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.

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

## Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
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	Mary McDee
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

