



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

October 2, 2022
Seventeenth 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

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; Luke 17:5-10

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) (from Psalm 146)

Minister: Blessed is the person who has the God of Jacob to help him.

Congregants: Happy is anyone who's hope is fixed on the Lord his God.

Minister: For God is Creator of heaven and earth, and the sea,
and all that these hold.

Congregants: The Lord is forever faithful, and reigns forever.

Minister: So come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 503 *Lord, We Have come at Your Own Invitation*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty and everlasting God, we come to worship You,
the God of the second chance, the God of mercy and forgiveness,
the God Who knows our every need better than we know it ourselves,
the God of healing touch, mighty strength, perfect peace, caring concern.
We praise You for Your life-giving love, and seek Your path in joy.
We do confess before You that we often live in fear, in doubt, in sin.
Forgive us for our many transgressions, our selfish words and deeds.
Remind us that You know us completely, and that You love us anyway.**

**Fill us this day with divine grace and boundless hope, we pray.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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 Exodus 16:2-8

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

As This Broken Bread

Wayne L. Wold

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Exodus 16:9-18

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard

the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.’¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: “Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.”¹⁷ The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less.¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

ENOUGH

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*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 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

Music Announcement: Today we continue to sing our new hymn 817 'We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight.'

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Earth Care: If you are a hunter, use nonleaded bullets. Studies have shown that meat harvested from deer killed with lead ammunition can be contaminated with lead particles, endangering human health and harming wildlife.

Thought for the month. "Creation Sings"
Creation sings each plant and tree Each bird and beast in harmony
The brightest star the smallest cell God's tender care and glory tell
From ocean depths to mountain peaks in praise of God creation speaks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS LOVE and Support with the family of Reba Kling, who joined the Church Triumphant September 22, 2022. We hold Allen and his family in prayer, and we praise God for receiving Reba into her new home.

THE CONGREGATION SHARES ITS LOVE and Support with the family of JoAnn Threlkeld, who joined the Church Triumphant September 23, 2022. We hold her family in prayer, and we praise God for receiving JoAnn into her new home.

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.

IT'S APPLE BUTTER TIME!

We will resume our fellowship around the kettle Saturday, October 15. Mark your calendar to come share in the fellowship anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Reserve your jars by signing up on the sheets located across from the secretary's office or by calling our secretary, Susie, at 540-366-8115. If you would have difficulty picking up your order, let Susie know and we'll arrange delivery! Prices remain the same - quarts are \$8.00 and the pints are \$5.00. Remember it's available on a "first come – first served" basis. Please note we have all the jars we need for this year.

Presbyterian Women – The new year for the Presbyterian Women will start January 2023. Work on the year book has started and I will be gathering information on the circles. If you are not a circle member now, I encourage you to join one this coming year. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in our Church activities. We have two circles, a morning circle that meets at the Church and a night

circle that meets in the homes of members. The meetings usually have a bible study, short business session and of course refreshments and a time to socialize. Call Elise Lanford at 769-8736 if you are interested in joining us this year. If you are a circle member now and your phone number or address has changed or you want to change circles, please let me know. This information is needed by November 1st.

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.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	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	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

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

