



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

October 23, 2022
Twentieth 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

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Luke 18:9-14

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We gather to worship the One
Who crafted creation out of chaos.

**Congregants: Our songs of praise and joy
join the anthems of the universe.**

Minister: We gather to lift our thanksgiving
to the God Who gives us voice.

**Congregants: We bring the songs which have echoed
in our hearts all week long.**

Minister: We gather as the children of God,
our hope built on God's love.

**Congregants: All God's people gathered here and now,
let us lift the new and the eternal songs of faith.**

Minister: Come, let us worship our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful and gracious Creator God,
loving Savior, ever-present Holy Spirit,
we are grateful for the beauty of Your world**

**as we gather together on this autumn morning.
In this time together, speak Your Word to us,
so that we might believe and trust You with our lives,
and go from here to share Your love with all.
We confess that too often we have not listened,
we follow sinful paths, we are driven by our sinful nature.
Forgive us, we pray, and give us hearts made new,
through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.
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 Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Great Day

arr. Doug Denisen

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE GOD WE BELIEVE IN

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 25 *Oh Lord, Our God, How Excellent* (Psalm 8)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Today we begin to sing a new hymn, 683 'Lord of All Hopefulness.'

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

We will have a Congregational meeting today immediately after the morning worship service to elect Elders. We will be electing 2 people to serve as Elders for the Class of 2025.

THE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH will meet today following the morning worship service. The work of the congregation is handled through these Session Ministries. If you would like to join in, please come join us in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served.

MANY THANKS TO THE APPLE BUTTER CREW, which once again produced a wonderful product, enjoyed by so many of us, and at the same time raised additional funds to support our ministry to children and youth. Thank you all!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday October 30th, in our morning worship service.

NEW ADDRESS: Richard and Pam Claterbaugh, 480 Bluebell Lane Apt 212, Roanoke, VA 24012.

The Discipleship Ministry would like to thank the congregation for generously supporting the following Mission projects: Trinity Lutheran Helping Hands Fund, Bethany Christian VBS, Ukraine, Williamson Road Ministerial Association, Blue Ridge Literacy, RAM, PCC, Presbytery, Synod, & GA, Children's Home, Blessing Box, CEDEPCA, Kentucky Flooding victims.

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.

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.

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.

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 Congregational meeting Ministries Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Bells
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary Lauren Axelson, Nursery Attendant
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	
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

