



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

October 30, 2022
Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

REFORMATION 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Luke 19:1-10

(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, from Psalm 105)

Minister: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord,
shout His name aloud, proclaim His wonderful deeds!

**Congregants: Sing to Him, praise Him,
tell of all His marvelous acts!**

Minister: Glory in His holy name,
and let the hearts that seek Him rejoice.

**Congregants: Let us seek the Lord and His strength,
let us seek His presence untiringly.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**God of the still, small voice, and God of the raging storm,
God of the bird in its nest, and God of the starry cosmos,
be with us now as we gather before You in worship.**

**Help us to focus on You and You alone,
to hear Your voice, and be nourished at Your Table.**

**There are so many other voices demanding our attention,
and too often we attend to them rather than follow You.**

**We confess our sins, and seek now Your forgiveness.
In our weaknesses, be present as our strength.
In our confusions, be with us in Your truth.
In our darkness, bring forth Your eternal light.
May this be a time of renewal and redemption for us all.
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 Acts 2:37-47

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

O God, My Strength and Fortitude

arr. Jerry Wesley Harris

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

STANDING ALONE TOGETHER

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.

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 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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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

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, is **All Saints Sunday**, when we give special recognition and thanksgiving for those members of the church family who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year. This is always a special celebration, and everyone is encouraged to be here to share in their memory and their victory.

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.

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 / Communion

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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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