



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

October 9, 2022
Eighteenth 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

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; Luke 17:11-19

(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)

Minister: Arise and shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Minister: Nations will come to his light,

and rulers will seek his radiance.

Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Minister: The mystery of the ages is revealed,

the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

we kneel before You to give You honor, glory, and praise.

We offer You now the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

Send Your Holy Spirit to this time of worship,

**and pour into our hearts the gift of love and the bond of peace.
We confess that our sin and brokenness hide Your light.
We turn away from those who need us, we ignore cries for grace.
In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, forgive and renew us,
so that we may show forth Your glory in 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 111

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

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

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 15:1-12

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

LESSONS FROM THE VINE

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.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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 speaks a message true Reminds us we are creatures too
To serve as stewards is our role Despite our dreams of full control
When we disparage what God owns in turmoil all creation groans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle 1 meets Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00 am at the Church.

We will have a Congregational meeting on Oct. 23, 2022 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 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.

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.

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.

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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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

