



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

September 11, 2022
Fourteenth 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 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; Luke 15:1-10

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

**Congregants: Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments,
if you follow my path, you will abide in my love."**

Minister: Jesus said, "These things I have told you, that my joy
may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Congregants: We come now to worship, in his love and his joy.

Minister: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Our almighty and gracious God, holy and righteous Lord,
we come before You now seeking Your presence.**

**In Your almighty hand we find all that we need for life,
and through Your many blessings we find abundant joy.**

**We gather in this time and place to give You praise,
to hear Your Word, to be fed with Your spiritual gifts,
and to find strength and vision to follow Your path.**

We know we cannot be Your disciples on our own.

We are sinners, broken and rebellious, in need of Your grace.

**Forgive us for all our many failings, we pray,
and guide us in repentance to receive Your forgiveness.
Fill us with love for Jesus, so that we might know renewal.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)**

Hear the good news of the gospel: If any persons are in Christ,
they are new creations. The old has gone away. Behold,
the new has come. Praise be to God!

RESPONSE HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 14:29-33, 36-40

²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰If a revelation is made to someone else sitting nearby, let the first person be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. ³²And the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets, ³³for God is a God not of disorder but of peace.

(As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁶Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only ones it has reached?)

³⁷ Anyone who claims to be a prophet, or to have spiritual powers, must acknowledge that what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord. ³⁸Anyone who does not recognize this is not to be recognized. ³⁹So, my friends, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; ⁴⁰but all things should be done decently and in order.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹²God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE RAINBOW PROMISE

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*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 372 *O for a World*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Earth Care thought for the month:

Lord, your love reaches to the heavens, your loyalty to the skies. Your goodness is as high as the mountains. Your justice is as deep as the great ocean. Lord, you protect both people and animals. Psalm 36: 5-6

"God asks us to care for creation. Just as we are to be kind to other people, we are also meant to be kind to creation. Caring for and loving the earth is another way that we love God". Patrick Kangrga

Bow your head in prayer. God thank you for your creation. For people and for places of natural beauty. Keep my eyes open to nature and all its

awesomeness. Help me find ways to care for the earth. To preserve it for others in the future so they too can witness your glory and grace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle 1 meets Tuesday, September 13 at 11:30 am at Pete's Deli.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, September 15, at 8:30 at Famous Anthony's restaurant on north Williamson Road. All men of the church are encouraged to join us!

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS BI-MONTHLY MEETING after the worship service on September 25. If you would like to become a member in the Northminster church family, or if you have any business or concerns for the Session to address, please let the Minister know.

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

If anyone would like to donate to the Presbyterian Community Center School Supply Needs for this school year, a list of items they need are on the bulletin board across from the office.

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.

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.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion
Tuesday	11:30 am	Circle 1 will meet at Pete's Deli
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Famous Anthony's
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
Reba Kling	Sheila Lancaster	Homer Linton
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Ken Riding	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
JoAnn Threlkeld		

Friends and Family

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

*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

