



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

September 4, 2022
Thirteenth 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 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6; Philemon 1:1-21

(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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 664 *Morning Has Broken*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Let us sing a new song to the Lord!

Congregants: Let us give thanks and praise to our Creator.

Leader: We gather in the name of Christ, our Savior.

Congregants: The Holy Spirit is in our midst.

Leader: Let us receive the grace poured out for us.

Congregants: Let us listen for His voice.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Creating, redeeming, sustaining God,
we come before You this morning giving praise,
and seeking to learn, to understand, and to follow.**

**Open our ears and hearts, our minds and spirits,
so that we can live as Your disciples.**

We confess that we have failed to love You as we should.

**We have neglected neighbors in need
and have too often ignored Your commandments.**

We stray from Your way and follow false gods.

Forgive us, we pray, and be with us this day

**as we seek to know and do Your Will.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish,
but will have eternal life with God.

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven,
and life with God is assured. 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 Psalm 93

¹ The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; ² your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. ³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. ⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! ⁵ Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

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.

VOLUNTARY

Jeff Midkiff

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Hebrews 5:1-14

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. ¹¹ About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE GLORY TRAIN

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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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.

Creation Care thought :

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate — bringing forth food from the earth:

Psalm 104:10-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE THANK ELDERS SHERRY MOSES AND JOE GWITT for their leadership of our worship service this morning, while the Minister is on vacation. May God's Spirit be with them as they guide our praise and prayers, and bring us His Word.

MANY THANKS TO THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY and all those volunteers who provided a wonderful "Together Again" worship and gathering last Sunday. It was a very blessed time for all!

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.

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

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	

*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

