

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

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration of the Lord



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

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; II Peter 1:16-21

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

May the presence of Christ be with you, this day and always.

GATHERING HYMN 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Verse 4)

**Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We gather seeking to be holy
for the Lord our God is holy.

**Congregants: We come together to share grace,
for the Lord our God is gracious and loving.**

Minister: In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled.

Congregants: In Christ we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Minister: So come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, Holy One, Rock of the ages,
You have taught us that all our deeds without love
are worth nothing, just loud noise.
Be with us now in our time of worship,
and make us worthy of Your presence.
Forgive us for our many trespasses,
and wash us clean from our sinfulness and brokenness.**

**Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit,
and speak to us Your Word of truth,
for we pray through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from II Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The past is left behind, and everything has become new.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to God!

*RESPONSE HYMN 673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

**Jesus light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine;
source of every earthly blessing.
heaven's everlasting sign
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD John 8:12-18

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' ¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, 'You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.' ¹⁴ Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.'

PASTORAL PRAYER / 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
reveal Your Will to us and for us this day.
Help us to understand Your transforming and redemptive work,
and lead us into the world to share the love of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

LIGHT A CANDLE

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

*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 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the Month:

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care: gift or great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

Vs. 1 From Hymn, Touch the Earth Lightly

Earth Care:

Make a pledge for the new year to eliminate waste wherever you can. Use less and recycle. Go for glass and reusable containers instead of plastic bags and wraps. When shopping take useable bags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM THIS MORNING of Camdyn Cundiff, infant daughter of Trent and Emma Cundiff. May this special moment be blessed by God's Holy Spirit, and the beginning of a wonderful life in Christ! And may God's strength and guidance be with Camdyn's parents and family as they raise her in the nurture and knowledge of the Lord.

THE MINISTRIES OF THE CONGREGATION will meet next Sunday, February 26, following the morning worship service. Lunch will be served. ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to consider joining one of the Ministries, to share in the work of the church!

WOW! What a great response for our Souper Bowl. We collected eleven pounds of food and \$360 for the LOA. Many thanks to our soup makers! They all looked delicious and tasted even better.

This is a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes from the Stated Session Meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc. can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

The PW are launching their annual SunnySide project beginning this week 01/29/23 to run through February and March. We will be collecting sundries/toiletries for the men and women who reside at SunnySide. Boxes will be provided in the Narthex. Please help us make this another successful project. Contact persons: Sherry Moses or Judy Moore. Many thanks for your participation.

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.

We are looking for volunteers to help Lauren in the nursery each Sunday. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board 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.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Ministries Meeting

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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	Joe Gwitt
Karen Gwitt	Maggie Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer	Sheila Lancaster
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Ken Riding	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Patsy Linton and Family		

Friends and Family

Nancy Assaid	
Joaquin Bielawski	Annette Daughty
Shirley Basham	Terry Foss
Donna Betters	John Morris
Mabel Bowman	Vicki Widener
Jay Taylor	Lucy Collier

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Tom Hale, Gary Harris, Jyke Jones, Daniel Kirby, Lynn Kirby, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Dora Slee, Gayle Wise

