

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

*August 4, 2024*  
*Eleventh 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

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16

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

#### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

**May the hope that is ours in Christ be with you.**

GATHERING HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**Come, thou almighty King,**

**help us thy name to sing;**

**help us to praise:**

**Father, all glorious,**

**o'er all victorious,**

**come, and reign over us,**

**Ancient of Days.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 33)

Minister: Sing a new song to the Lord!

Live well, and shout for joy!

**Congregants: Everything that God does is good,**

**His kindness and love fill the world.**

Minister: God's Word made the heavens,

and His breath made the stars.

**Congregants: God gathers up all the seas,**

**and He stores the deep in His hand.**

Minister: Let all who live on earth

stand in awe of God.

**Congregants: God spoke, and creation was made.**

**At His command, it stands.**

Minister: So come, let us worship our God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)**

**Holy God, eternal and yet immediate, beyond and yet near,  
we praise You for all that You have made,  
for grace that amazes, and for love that never lets us go.  
Be with us now in our worship, and hear the prayers  
of our lips and our hearts, for we long for all to be well.  
Merciful God, we have seen Your glory and know Your strength.  
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.  
We have squandered Your gifts and turned from Your ways.  
Have mercy on us, and pour out on us Your Holy Spirit.  
Wash us in Your love, and make us new.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News for our living these days.  
Relentlessly God seeks us out and embraces us.  
With abundant grace and boundless mercy,  
He washes us in His love and cleanses us in forgiveness,  
so that we might move closer to being the people  
He calls us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are saved! 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 8**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; <sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. <sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the

field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

THE 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.**

HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Gracious God, open our ears, our minds, our hearts,  
that what we hear and consider will be shaped  
by Your Holy Spirit, and guide us to life with You.  
Through the Living Word, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SERMON

*ONE THING*

Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

\* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**O God, with faith and hope we offer these gifts.  
Use them, and use us to accomplish  
the work of Your Kingdom here on earth,  
through Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church  
and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

\*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 772 *Live into Hope*

\*CHARGE

\*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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*We welcome and thank C.W. Markham for providing today's music.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION WILL MEET today following the morning worship service. If you have any matters for the elders to consider, or if you would like to join the Northminster membership, please speak to the Minister following the service.

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 at the Bistro at Friendship Manor for lunch.

It's Hunger Buster time again. If you would like to participate, pick up a bag from the narthex. We will deliver them to the PCC on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN WITH Sunday school at 9:30 and worship at 10:30. Please make note, and set your clocks accordingly.

### Calendar

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship
	11:30 pm	Session Meeting
Nest Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship

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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**

Bill Bailey	Frances Bowling	Ellen Brumfield
Pam Claterbaugh	Marie Haines	Jake Hayes
Hayes Family	Dennis Kincer	Patsy Linton
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Vicki Whitworth

**Friends and Family**

Nancy Assaid	Joaquin Bielawski
Shirley Basham	Donna Betters
Lucy Collier	Terry Foss
Issac Franklin	Molly Guerrant
Gladys Hughston	Skylar Kirby
Vicki Widener	

**\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson  
Elders: Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Dana Esworthy, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Maggie Hambrick, Gary Harris, Jyke Jones, Lynn Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Judy Moore, Dora Slee, Dave Snider, Greg Theimer