

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

*July 28, 2024*  
*Tenth 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

2 Samuel 11: 1-15, 2 Kings 4: 42-44, Psalm 14

(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 (from Psalm 145:10-18)

**Leader:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**Congregants:** **The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**Leader:** You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**Congregants:** **The Lord is just and kind, The Lord is near to all who call on God.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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

**You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to**

**you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*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 Ephesians 3: 14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

DUET

*Our Hope, Our Life* (Hymn 847)

Margie Lemon and Joe Gwitt

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 6: 1-21

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we have heard will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. Amen**

SERMON

*Miracles*

Pam Claterbaugh

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 629 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

\* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**Gracious Lord,  
you have lavished upon us  
the riches of your glory.**

**As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all  
with more than enough left over,  
so you have fed us and provided for us.  
You shelter us, care for us,  
and bring us safely to each stop on our journey.  
As you have given to us out of your abundance,  
we return our offering to you  
with praise and thanksgiving.  
In the name of the Savior, we pray. 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** 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**\*CHARGE**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**YOUR SERVICE**

**\*Indicates the People Standing**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pruitt Rae Toler was born on July 25 at 6:10 am. He is the son of Chloe and Paul Toler of Alexandria, Va. The proud grandparents are Chuck and Susan Lockard.

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>.

Once again, we are asking for your help in bringing your old or new pillowcases to the church. Jane has run out of pillowcases for the Little Dresses for Africa project. She has made over 300 dresses and wants to make more! We thank her for making the dresses and we are blessed with the talent and gift God has given her for her love of sewing. Thank you, Jane.

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
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	Sheila Lancaster
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

