

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

June 23, 2024
Fifth 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

I Samuel 17:4-11, 19-23; Psalm 107: 23-32; II Corinthians 6:1-13

(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)

Minister: When the storms of life and this world arise,

Congregants: when the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,

Minister: we gather to remember the power and presence of our Savior.

Congregants: We come now to worship and receive him.

Minister: Let us draw now to his throne of grace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and God of grace,

God of majesty and God of might,

in ways known and unknown You come to us,

in comfort, in challenge, in provision and protection.

We are humbled before Your throne.

We do not know the plan or path You have for us,

so we bow before You, to seek Your guidance.

We know well how far short we fall from Your glory.

**We are sinners, broken by the evils of our world.
Forgive us, we pray, and make us whole to serve You.
Claim us, renew our spirits and our commitments,
and use us to build Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beyond our knowing, beyond our understanding,
God in Jesus Christ has set us free from our sins.
Claim your forgiveness, rejoice in God's goodness,
and respond in love. Praise be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*
(Verse 4)**

**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD

Exodus 19:16-20; 20:18-21

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. ¹⁹As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. ²⁰When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God

‘speak to us, or we will die.’ ²⁰Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.’ ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD’S WORD Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Prepare our hearts and minds to hear Your Word, O God.
Open us to Your truth, guide us in Your wisdom,
and humble us to Your way. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

SERMON

DANGEROUS WATERS

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**Most generous God, You have blessed us
with gifts to serve, to share, to fill life with joy.
May the offerings we present before You now**

**be used to promote the healing and peace
that You bring to us in Your Kingdom.
Through Christ 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** 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

***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

Bill Bailey would like to express his appreciation for the kind thoughts and efforts shown by the congregation with their cards, visits and food preparation in the last few weeks. Also thank you for hosting the family meal after the funeral. I feel blessed to be part of this church.

The Ministries of the church meet following the morning worship service. You are invited to join us for lunch, and to join in one of the congregation's areas of service.

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 am	Ministries 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	Sheila Lancaster
Patsy Linton	Kay Merritt	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	Annette Daughty
Terry Foss	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

