

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

May 19, 2024
Day of 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-21

(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 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Remember the promise of the Lord!

Congregants: God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh.

Minister: The Spirit of God renews all His creation.

Congregants: Bless the name of the Lord!

Minister: Come, let us worship God the Father,
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Praise and glory to You, Creator Spirit of God.

**This earth and these people have many languages,
but Your Gospel proclaims Your love and redemption
to all nations and all people in one heavenly language.**

**Be with us now in our Pentecost worship and celebration,
so that we might serve as messengers of good news.**

**You have poured out Your Spirit upon all disciples,
but we confess we hold back the working of Your Spirit,
and we do not live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, we pray, and forgive our sinfulness.

**Transform our timid lives by the Holy Spirit's power,
and fill us with the flaming desire to be Your faithful people,
doing Your Will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Through Christ, God has given us the Holy Spirit,
that our sins might be washed clean and our lives transformed.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

RESPONSE HYMN 277 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!

(Pentecost Verse 1)

Congregation will sing the Refrain, Choir will sing the Verse

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.**

Choir: Bright and in likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends;

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.**

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' ⁵The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' ⁸So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left

off building the city.⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God of power and grace,
fill us with the wisdom of Your Word
and the understanding of Your Spirit,
so that we may be Your Church--
a people with dreams and visions
at work in all the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SERMON

THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS

*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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Thought of the month: The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. Psalm 115:16

Earth care: This is the season of rebirth. Pay attention as buds appear on the trees, seedlings sprout, and animals are born. When you come across these signs of spring, say a blessing (aloud or silently) for God's new creation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION OF THE CONGREGATION will meet today following the worship service. All elders--and anyone wishing to share anything with the Session--are reminded to attend.

We delivered 21 bags of food to The Presbyterian Community Center. Thanks to all who donated to the Hunger Buster program!

WE WILL RETURN TO OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE on June 2, when Sunday school will begin at 9:30 and worship at 10:30. Please make note, and set your clocks accordingly.

Calendar

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| Today | 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service / Communion |
| | 12:00 pm | Session Meeting |
| Nest 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

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| Ann Bailey | 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

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| 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

