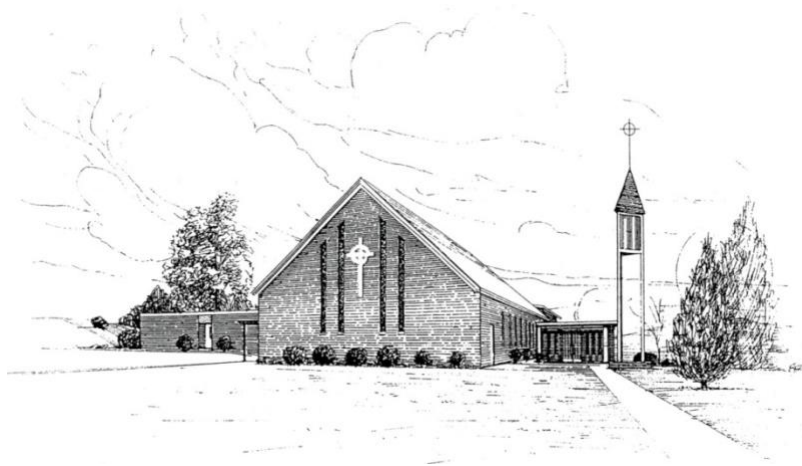


NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

September 1, 2024
Fifteenth 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27

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

BUILDING THE BODY

GATHERING HYMN 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (Verse 1)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive, from Psalm 66)

Minister: Shout joy to God, all the earth!

Congregants: Sing praise to His holy name!

Minister: His works are wonderful,
and His enemies tremble at His strength.

**Congregants: The whole world bows down,
and sings His glorious name.**

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 370 *This Is My Father's World*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

God of all compassion, God of all hope,

God of all peace, God of all joy,

in Jesus Christ You have laid claim

to all that we are and all that we can and should be.

Through Christ, You have shown us

that nothing is beyond the touch of Your mercy.

We thank You for Your presence with us now,

and for the promise of Your Kingdom that fills our hearts.

**It is in that assurance that we lift our prayers to You.
We confess that our words and our actions
too often do not reflect our commitments to follow You.
We are quick to proclaim our faith, but slow to live it.
Change us, O God, and by Your grace, transform us.
Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts,
and replace it with kindness and generosity.
Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be doers of Your Word.
All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent and personal 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 Mark 5:21-34

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' ²⁹Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' ³¹And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' ³²He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

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.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSIC VOLUNTARY *What Is the World Like* (Hymn 771)

Lauren Godsey

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 5:35-43

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly

ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
**Gracious God, in this life we see as in a mirror, dimly.
But Your Holy Spirit offers clarity, wisdom, understanding.
Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts,
that what is spoken and what we encounter in our spirits
may bear witness to Your true and living Word,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SERMON

IT MATTERS!

Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)
**Generous God, we return to You these gifts,
gifts not only of our resources, but gifts of our lives.
Sanctify us, make us holy, that we might serve You
in the work of Your coming Kingdom.
Through Christ, our Lord, 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 625 *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTER WILL BE AWAY ON VACATION next week (its granddaughter Lydia's sixth birthday!), so elder Pam Claterbaugh will preach and provide leadership for next Sunday's morning worship.

WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE today (Labor Day week-end). The Seekers class will meet at 10:00, and worship will be held at 11:00.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Seekers Class
	11:00 am	Summer Worship

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	11:00 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
Dan Cone		

Friends and Family

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

