

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

February 11, 2024
Transfiguration of the Lord



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 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

(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.

TESTIMONY

Stan and Elise Lanford

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 50:1-6)

Minister: God summons the earth, from the rising of the sun
to its setting.

**Congregants: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection
shines forth, calling to us.**

Minister: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away
all our doubts.

**Congregants: The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God is the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Judge.**

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1-4)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and eternal God,

You are beyond our knowledge and understanding.

**We are full of wonder at Your presence,
and Your love for us leaves us in awe.
Be with us now in our time of worship,
and speak to us that we might know Your Way.
We do not deserve Your grace and goodness,
and our sinfulness has left our world broken
and in desperate need of Your forgiveness.
Have mercy on us, for we have fallen short
of Your call to love You and our neighbor.
We lay bare our hearts and minds before You,
that we might be made new, through Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hurts are healed. Transformed by Christ's sacrifice and redemption, let us celebrate new life, and walk in his grace. May his name be praised forever!

***RESPONSE HYMN**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
(All will sing the verse twice)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 17:1-8

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them,

saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

FIRST MESSAGE

TRANSFIGURATION

Dr. Russ Merritt

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Carl Schalk

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 65:5-12

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. ⁶ By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. ⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. ⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. ⁹ You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

THIRD LESSON Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Heavenly Father, You are here now in our midst,

**seeking us, encountering us, loving us,
startling us with Your truth. We pray that Your Spirit
will open our hearts, our minds, our spirits,
to know and follow where Your Word leads.
We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SECOND MESSAGE

FOR THOSE WHO STAY

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)
**Almighty One, You have gifted us that we might serve You
in words, actions, and thoughts. We honor You now
with our offering, trusting that our gifts and our hearts
will be blessed to do Your bidding. In 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 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the month:

Algonquian Indians lived in the Roanoke Region for centuries. This tribe gardened, hunted, and fished, using bones and shells for utensils and regalia. Tanned animal skin and fur became clothing. “We also only took from the land what we needed, and there was no waste; so conservation is key,” Let us continue to practice conservation in our lives to preserve our land and waters.

Earth Care:

Take a break from online shopping. Online shopping produces a lot of packaging waste and produces excess carbon emissions from airplanes and vehicles. Take a month off online shopping or reduce what you buy online. Try to make purchases closer to home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, February 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast will meet Thursday, February 15th, at 8:30 am at Pete’s Deli.

Thanks to all the wonderful cooks who donated soup for our Souper Bowl. We donated 145 pounds of soup and \$105 to the LOA. A big thanks to the folks who helped set up and clean up.

Lenten devotional booklets are available. We have one per family. They can be picked up at the narthex table.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in the morning worship service on February 18, the first Sunday of Lent. Please be in prayerful preparation as we come to the Lord's Table of grace.

THE 2024 CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY AND PLANNING (AND PICTURE!) CALENDAR are available for all in the congregation, so make sure you get yours! MANY THANKS to Debbie Newman and her great team putting these wonderful gifts together!

Calendar

Today	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Thursday	8:30 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Pete’s Deli
Nest Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service / Communion

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Lauren Axelson, Nursery Attendant

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

Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey	Frances Bowling
Pam Claterbaugh	Marie Haines	Jake Hayes
Dennis Kincer	Sheila Lancaster	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Patsy Linton	

Friends and Family

Nancy Assaid	Joaquin Bielawski
Shirley Basham	Donna Betters
Steve Brammer	Glenna Brammer
Lucy Collier	Annette Daughy
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