

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

June 2, 2024
Second 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 3:1-10; Psalm 81:1-10; Mark 2:23 - 3:6

(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: We come together as the people of Jesus Christ.

Congregants: Renew us in his grace, O Lord.

Minister: We come together filled with the Holy Spirit.

Congregants: Renew us through the Spirit's presence.

Minister: We come together to praise God the Father,
with songs of praise and earnest prayers.

Congregants: Renew us and make us new, Creator God.

Minister: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Great and gracious God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
in You there is more love than we can imagine
and there is more grace than we could ever fathom.

You have shown Yourself in Jesus Christ
as the God Who meets us where we are,

the one God Who loves us as we are.
We are glad for this day and grateful for Your many gifts.
You continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy.
We confess that we too often turn from You and Your love.
We are weak, and our ways are flawed and sinful.
We choose our own ways, our own path, and we fall short.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us, we pray.
Take away the sinfulness that burdens us,
and restore us to the people You call us to be,
through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Relentlessly God seeks us out, never letting us go.
With abundant grace and boundless mercy,
our God is always with us, forgiving us and making us new.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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 Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. ² Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, ³ who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. ⁴ You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. ⁸ I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

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.

ANTHEM *Seed, Scattered and Sown* (Hymn 531)

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 3:1-9

¹And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air,
so fill us with Your Holy Spirit now as we hear Your Word.
Ground us in Your love, convict us with Your truth,
and move us to respond, so that we may embody Your Good News
in all we say and do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON *A DISRUPTIVE FAITHFULNESS* Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

Provider God, we give You thanks for all Your good gifts to us.
We thank You for work and for rest, for creativity and for play,
and for this faith community in which we serve You together.
Receive these offerings that we bring this day,

and use them to meet the needs of those around us.
May our work and witness reflect our belief
in Your compassionate care for us
and for all You have created. In Christ's name 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 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTER WILL ATTEND A FAMILY GATHERING next Sunday, so Elder Pam Claterbaugh, a Commissioned Pastor in the Presbytery of the Peaks, will preach and lead worship.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in two weeks, on June 16, in our morning worship 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 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Nest Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School 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

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

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

