

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

June 30, 2024
Sixth 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

II Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 30; II Corinthians 8:7-15

(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, from Matthew 10)

Minister: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground

apart from the compassion and care of the Creator.

**Congregants: God tells us we are the most valued
of all His creation.**

Minister: God knows us and loves us,

and even the hairs on our heads are all counted.

**Congregants: We praise You, O God! We are grateful
for Your love and Your care!**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (Verses 1-4)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

God of all seasons, this world is Yours,

and we live according to Your abundant grace.

Wherever we wander in these summer days,

watch over us and those we love, and keep us safe.

**May we all have journeys filled with wonder
at the blessings bestowed upon us by Your goodness.
We know well that we do not deserve that love.
You have called us to serve, but we hedge and hesitate.
In the heavy darkness of these days we fail to shine Your light.
Forgive our fears and doubts, and make of us faithful disciples.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear good news! Through Christ's death and resurrection,
we are a new creation, ready to sing to God's glory,
and to thank Him for His grace to all.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.
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 I Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But

by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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.

MUSIC VOLUNTARY

Jeff Midkiff

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Savior God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet
on this discipleship road. Walk with us, protect us,
provide for us, and guide us with Your wisdom and grace
as we seek Your truth. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SERMON

A FISH TALE

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 649 *Amazing Grace*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**Take our hearts, our hands, our feet, our voices,
and our offerings and gifts, O God.**

**Use all that You have given to us so that we might be
Your Body in this world, and make Your love known to all.
Through Christ, Your great gift to us, 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 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (Verses 1-3)

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once again, we are asking for your help in bringing your old or new pillowcases to the church. Jane has run out of pillowcases for the Little Dresses for Africa project. She has made over 300 dresses and wants to make more! We thank her for making the dresses and we are blessed with the talent and gift God has given her for her love of sewing. Thank you, Jane.

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

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

