

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

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday



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

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17

(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* (Verse 4)

To thee, great One in Three,

eternal praises be,

hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty

may we in glory see,

and to eternity

love and adore.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, our God.

Congregants: The earth is filled with the glory of God!

Minister: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

**Congregants: We have the loving presence of God
through the Holy Spirit.**

Minister: God is with us now, so come, let us worship Him.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Creator of all that is, in the beginning, before time,

You created the heavens above and beyond,

and this earth around us and beneath our feet.

Then in the fullness of time, within Your plan and purpose,

You restored and reconciled all things to You, through Christ.

You have breathed new life into Your beloved children,

yet we have created separation from Your Spirit.

**We confess that we have failed to love You
with all our heart, mind, and soul,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Be with us now as we seek Your mercy and forgiveness.
Raise us to new life, so that we may serve You faithfully,
and give praise and honor to Your blessed name.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, glory to You forever!
Blessed children of God, know this truth:
in the power of Creator God, the Father,
through the grace of redeeming God, Jesus Christ, the Son,
and by the guidance of the ever-present God, the Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven, we are made free of sin,
and we are empowered to serve Him forever.
Praise be to the One, the triune 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 Psalm 31:1-5

¹In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Alan Smith

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 27:9-26

⁹ Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying, 'Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.' ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²Since the harbour was not suitable for spending the winter, the majority was in favour of putting to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbour of Crete, facing south-west and north-west. ¹³ When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught and could not be turned with its head to the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. ¹⁶By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. ¹⁷After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea-anchor and so were driven. ¹⁸We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. ²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island.'

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
**Holy One, guide us now by the Spirit of truth,
and open our minds and hearts to Your revealing presence,
so that we hear the Word of life You speak,
and can give glory, honor, and praise to You--
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERMON

ANCHORS IN THE STORM

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)
**Gracious Father, Creator and Source of all good things;
Christ our redeemer, for your sacrifice on the cross
and your life-promising resurrection;
ever-present Holy Spirit, for Your comfort and guidance
throughout our days in this life,
we give You thanks, praise, and glory.
Bless these our gifts, and use them in Your service,
that the world will come to Your throne.
In Your triune 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 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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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

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

OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL START NEXT WEEK 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

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
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

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

