

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

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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 138; Luke 5:1-11

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Here's Good News: Jesus promises that when we gather,
God is present with us.

Congregants: God is with us, here and now, as we gather in worship.

Minister: Let us praise our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.

**Congregants: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth
is full of His glory!**

Minister: The Lord of hosts is with us now. Let us worship at His throne.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we come to You hungry for Your goodness and grace.

**Hear us now as we call out to You, trusting in Your promises
that You are with us now and forever, and that You hear our prayers.**

**Your wisdom, mercy, and peace are beyond our understanding,
and yet glimpses of Your divine abundance surround us.**

**So it is with contrite and repentant spirits that we approach You,
knowing that it is our darkness and sinfulness**

that dim Your light and hinder our spiritual journey.

We live in a world broken by our falling from Your path.

Forgive our many sins, we pray, and embrace us in mercy.

Make us again to live as Your beloved children.

Hear these our silent prayers.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved children of God, know well that God hears our prayers.
God knows our hearts and our spirits, and despite our failures,
He treasures who we are and what we can be.
We are forgiven. We are loved. In His grace, we are made new.
Let us live in this peace and work for the Kingdom of Christ.
Praise be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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 Isaiah 62:1-8

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured;

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

All Good Gifts

Natalie Sleeth

On this day of days, join in grateful praise that will sound from shore to shore, And for blessings all, whether great or small, offer thanks forevermore!

Refrain: All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord in great array!
All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord God day by day!

Special gifts have we in variety, by the Spirit's grace inspired;
But to all so blest shall be put the test, for of them is much required! Refrain

Let your light so shine, use your gifts divine, that wherever you may go, You reflect the love of the Lord above in abundance here below! Refrain

Many gifts we are given from the time of our birth by the Lord our God who ruleth over the earth; Great joy ever after shall be our true reward if we use our talents to serve the Lord!

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
**Holy God, as we prepare to consider Your Word for us,
open our hearts, open our ears, open our spirits
that we may encounter Your Holy Spirit, and Your truth.
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

SERMON

GOD'S DELIGHT

Dr. Russ Merrit

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)
**Holy God, we have received an abundance from Your hand.
We seek now to honor You and to thank You through our offering.
Take these gifts and multiply them so that they may bless others.
Bless those who give, and those who receive,
that they may know You better, and find Your path.
Through 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 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to my special Northminster family for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and delicious food during my ongoing recovery. Words just cannot express my appreciation. Mary Anne

Please keep in your prayers, Hugh Springer, who was our Interim Minister after David Kirk retired. He is at Pheasant Ridge Rehab room 701. He has Parkinsons disease and had a heart attack 3 weeks ago.

New Address for Walt Haines: Walt Haines 4414 Pheasant Ridge Rd. Room 306, Roanoke, VA 24014

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, February 11th, at 10:00 am at the Church.

Our Men's Fellowship Breakfasts will meet Thursday, February 20th , at 8:30 a.m. at Pete's Deli. It's a great way to start your day, come join us!

The Discipleship ministry took many bags of clothing to the Salvation Army, RAM and the Rescue Mission last week. While we appreciate your clothing donations, organizations other than the Salvation Army or Goodwill only accept certain types of clothing. Therefore, **we are no longer accepting clothing at the church.** If you have clothing to donate, please drop it off at a donation center of your choice.

In January, the Discipleship ministry sent monetary donations to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, hurricane relief that went to Montreat in North Carolina, the Presbyterian Center, RAM, the Rescue Mission, and CEDEPCA, which helps with the impoverished in Guatamala.

Just a reminder that the Session has a bulletin board located across from the Secretary's office. The minutes for the Stated Session Meetings and a copy of the monthly Financial Report are posted. Other information in reference to the Session, Elders, committees, etc. can be seen there. Please take time to check out the business of the church.

Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Seekers Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Seekers Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service

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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	Walt Haines
Jake Hayes	Hayes Family	Mary Ann Huff
Jyke Jones	Dennis Kincer	Skylar Kirby
Patsy Linton	Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Justin Plymale	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	Vicki Whitworth	

Friends and Family

Nancy Assaid	Joaquin Bielawski
Shirley Basham	Donna Betters
Lucy Collier	Terry Foss
Issac Franklin	Vicki Widener
Glenna Myers	Dan Cone

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson
Elders: Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Dana Esworthy, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Karen Gwitt, Maggie Hambrick, Gary Harris, Lynn Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Judy Moore, Dave Snider, Ron Staton, Greg Theimer

