

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

***January 19, 2025***  
***Second 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 62:1-5; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

(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, based on Psalm 36:7-9)

Minister: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**Congregants: May all people take refuge in the shadow  
of Your wings.**

Minister: We feast on the abundance of Your house.

**Congregants: You give us drink from the river of Your delights.**

Minister: For with You is the fountain of life.

**Congregants: In Your light we see light.**

Minister: Come, let us enter the light of the Lord, and worship Him.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Heavenly Father, You are with us every moment,  
sharing Your love, Your peace, Your strength.**

**We praise You for Your goodness and Your grace.**

**Yet we know we live in sin and brokenness,**

**and that we struggle to follow where You lead.**

**So we now humbly approach Your throne of grace,**

**to confess our sins and present ourselves before our Savior.**

**You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God,**

**but we are reluctant to share, and to give Your love to others.**

**The Holy Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely,**

**but we hide our light under a bushel and do not rise to our potential.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and embolden us to claim our gifts.  
Guide us and use us, O God, to do Your good work.  
Hear these our silent and personal prayers.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

(The choir will introduce the hymn)

**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 Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

*Beautiful Saviour*

arr. Carl F. Mueller

Beautiful Saviour! king of creation! son of God and son of man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight and the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky,

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations! son of God and son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine, Amen.

#### MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, we need the guidance of Your Word.  
Help us to be honest with ourselves and with You  
as we seek Your truth in this moment of proclamation.  
Through the Living Truth, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SERMON

*JONAH*

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**As Jesus turned water into wine, as he made the blind to see  
and healed broken hearts and bodies and spirits,**

**so he touches us with Your love, O God.**

**So Your Spirit blesses us with Your abundance.**

**Take these gifts we bring today and bless them, we pray,  
so that others will know the abundance of Your grace.**

**Through our Lord 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*

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

\*CHARGE

\*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

YOUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN CALLED by the Session for today, at the end of our morning worship service, for the purpose of electing persons to the congregation's Nominating Committee, and to hear the report on the 2025 budget. Please stay so that you can be part of this important meeting.

THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS will be held during our worship service next Sunday. Following the service, the Session will hold its first regular meeting of 2025. If you have any matters for the Session to consider, or if you would like to join Northminster, please let the Minister know.

Please mark your calendars and join us on February 2<sup>nd</sup> after church for our annual Soup for Seniors. Soup made by members along with sandwiches and dessert will be provided. If you would like to provide soup, please let Lynn Kirby or someone on the Discipleship Ministry know. Donations of soup, crackers, peanut butter, canned meat or fruit, or oatmeal would be welcome. These items along with any monetary donations go to the League of Older Americans. The goal is to collect 55,000 pounds of soup and other non-perishable items to provide bags of food for 3,000 older adults in need right here in our community.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during our worship service on Sunday, February 2.

We collected 118 items from the Mitten Tree this year. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

#### Calendar

Today	10:00 am	Seekers Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		Congregation Meeting
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Seekers Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Session Meeting

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Ministers...Members of Northminster

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: 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





