

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

*June 14, 2026*  
*Third 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

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 100; Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

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

### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

#### GATHERING HYMN 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Old Hundredth

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.**

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 32)

Minister: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

when we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

**Congregants: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Minister: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

when we are at our worst, far from our best,

**Congregants: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Minister: When the world around us seems bleak and foreboding,

and we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

**Congregants: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Minister: We gather together in friendship and fellowship,

looking to God to show us His path.

**Congregants: His steadfast love surrounds us, as together  
we place our trust in the Lord.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God Almighty!

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 620

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Heavenly Father, no matter how far we stray from Your ways,  
Your arms are always open wide in welcome for us.**

**Your mercy is never failing, Your grace more than abundant.  
You alone are Creator of the cosmos, and Lord of life,  
and we gather this day in worship, in praise, and in confession.  
We know that we have erred, and turned away from You.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts, and have offended against Your laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, forgive us, and our sinfulness and brokenness.  
We are penitent, and seek to be restored before Your throne.  
Grant, our God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
that we may live a holy, just, and Spirit-filled life, to Your glory.  
Hear these our silent and personal prayers.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

**THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD** Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup>The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. <sup>14</sup>For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. <sup>15</sup>As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the

field; <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. <sup>19</sup> The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. <sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. <sup>21</sup> Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will. <sup>22</sup> Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

#### 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

#### MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Gracious God, Your mercy is wide,  
but our understanding is limited.**

**As we hear Your Word proclaimed this day,  
open our minds and our hearts and our spirits,  
so the Your Good News may reach  
the deepest places within us.**

**Renew us with Your forgiving love,  
and enliven our imaginations to possibilities  
for sharing that love with others, in Christ. Amen.**

THE SERMON

*FRIENDS*

Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 439

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

Stuttgart

\* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**Lord of all, we give You thanks for Your unfailing love.**

**All that we have and all that we are is a gift from You,  
and we return it to You now with thanks and praise.**

**Take and bless what we offer here today,  
that it may be used to share the Good News  
of Your redeeming love with the world.**

**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 626

*As the Deer*

As the Deer

CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lanford, Cundiff and Kirby families would to thank all who have prayed for Elise Lanford. Your prayers are working. She has also enjoyed all the cards that have been sent.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE begins at 10:30, as we move into our summer schedule. Seekers class will meet at 9:30.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 at Famous Anthony's next to the Brookside Golf Course on Williamson Road. All men of Northminster are invited to join us!

## Calendar

Today	9:30 am	Seekers Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Seekers Class
	10:30 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	Joyce Barker	Rob Barker
Di Brammer	Pam Claterbaugh	Karen Smith
Jake Hayes	Mary Anne Huff	Dennis Kincer
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Sandy Smith
Kathy Pankavich	Elise Lanford	

#### **Friends and Family**

Nancy Assaid	Joaquin Bielawski	Leah Merritt
Shirley Basham	Donna Betters	
Lucy Collier	Terry Foss	
Dan Cone	Charlie Wilkerson	
Glenna Myers	Tom Kirby	
Connie Watkins		

\*THE SESSION \*

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Emily Allen, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Dana Esworthy, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Karen Gwitt, Maggie Hambrick, Gary Harris, Lynn Kirby, Sherry Moses, Dave Snider, Ron Staton, Greg Theimer



