

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

June 21, 2026
Fourth 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 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10; Matthew 10:24-39

(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)

Minister: We come to worship this morning,
from different places in our lives.

**Congregants: O God, do not be far from where
You find us.**

Minister: We come together in worship this morning
for different reasons, and with different needs.

Congregants: O God, we open our lives to You.

Minister: We each experience the presence and the call
of the Holy Spirit in different ways.

**Congregants: O God, speak to each of us
so that we may hear Your Will and follow Your path.**

Minister: We hear God's guiding voice
through different sources and in different ways.

**Congregants: O God, give us spirits to hear,
minds to understand, and hearts to follow.**

Minister: Almighty God, we thank You for being with us now,
in this place, in this time together, and in our lives.

**Congregants: May we worship You in joy, in praise,
and in thanksgiving. All glory to God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

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

**God of all that is, all that has been, and all that ever shall be,
we come before Your throne in humble praise,
for You alone are God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
We thank You for your gifts, abundant and good,
and we seek Your guidance in how we live our lives.
We know well our shortcomings, our failings, our sins.
We confess our tendency to wander away from Your path.
We hunker down and hide ourselves from serving You.
We claim piety for ourselves, when we avoid faithful action.
Forgive us, we pray, and move in our spirits
to make of us willing and loving disciples.
Wash us clean, we pray, and set our eyes on Jesus.
Hear these our silent and personal prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from I Corinthians)**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone, a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
All praise to God!

***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 Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to

accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 42:5-12

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. ¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. ¹¹ Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela shout for joy; let them shout from the tops of the mountains. ¹² Let them give glory to the Lord and declare his praise in the coastlands.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Startle us, O God, and let us encounter Your Word.
Open our ears to hear and our hearts to accept
Your wisdom, Your truth, Your presence with us.
May this time be special and life-transforming,
through Your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ,
the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

GOD SPEAKS

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*** PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)**
Gracious and generous God, God of grace and mercy,
it is from Your hand that we receive all that is good.
Accept these our gifts, and multiply them
for Christ's mission of love throughout the world. Amen.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, Whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love, God created the world good,
and makes everyone equally in His image,
that we might live as one community.
But we rebel against God and His Will,
we hide from our Creator, we ignore His commandments.
In sin we violate the image of God in ourselves and others.
We deserve God's condemnation and punishment.
Yet God acts with mercy and grace to redeem His creation.
In everlasting love, God chose a covenant people
to serve as a blessing for all the families of earth.
God loves us still, and makes us heirs of His covenant
through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
As scripture proclaims, God is like a mother
who will not forsake her nursing child,
He is like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.
God has been, is now, and always will be faithful,
in grace, in goodness, in His glory. Praise be to God!

GO FAITHFULLY

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 772**

Live into Hope

Truro

CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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We welcome and thank C.W. Markham for providing the music today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the dads in the congregation. In honor of these special folks, there will be a reception for everyone in the narthex following the worship service.

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.

PRAY! If anyone is a "Prayer Warrior", and wants to join the Northminster Prayer Chain, please contact Holly Woodson (540-562-0263 or 540-354-2461). We would love to have you join the team.

THE PRESBYTERY'S WORK GROUPS will all be gathering for a special shared meeting here at Northminster this Thursday, from 9:30 to 2:30. If interested in Presbytery work, touch base with the Minister.

THE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH will hold their bi-monthly meeting next Sunday, following the morning worship service. Lunch will be served. ALL who are interested in sharing the work of Northminster-- through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, or Stewardship--are invited to join! For more information, contact the Minister.

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

Calendar

Today	9:30 am	Seekers Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Thursday	9:30 am	Presbytery work group Meeting
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Seekers Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Ministries Meeting

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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
Pam Claterbaugh	Karen Smith	Jake Hayes
Mary Anne Huff	Dennis Kincer	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Sandy Smith	Kathy Pankavich
Elise Lanford	Jackie Critzer	

Friends and Family

Nancy Assaid	Joaquin Bielawski	Leah Merritt
Shirley Basham	Donna Betters	Lucy Collier
Terry Foss	Dan Cone	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

