

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

June 7, 2026
Second 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 12:1-9; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25

(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 33)

Minister: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved.

Congregants: Sing to God a new song!

Minister: For the Word of the Lord is upright,

Congregants: and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Minister: Our God loves righteousness and justice.

Congregants: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Minister: Come, let us worship our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

God of love and love-building, God of challenge and forgiveness,

You meet us where we are in life,

and You call us forth to follow where You lead.

Be with us now as we seek to hear, and to know, and to follow.

We know well that our steps are halting and our courage weak,

but we also trust in Your steadfast love, as we bring to You our confessions.

You always are drawing the circle of Your love wider,

but we often resist, and attempt to hold others out.

You tell us all people are Your children, Your beloved,

but we are quick to judge and slow to welcome and accept.

Have mercy on us, O God, and open our hearts to others.

**Transform us, so that we may show the same grace
that You have shown to us, even in our sinfulness.
Give us strength to be the true people of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Hear these our silent and personal prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear this truth: we are made well and whole,
not because of ourselves or anything we do,
but through the grace of God in Jesus Christ.
On this truth we build our faith, that in Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! Praise be 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 Psalm 104:24-34

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. ²⁶ There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. ²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit,[a] they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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 Acts 2:1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Our God, You are beyond all knowing,
shrouded in wonder and mystery,
and yet You are as close to us as our very breath.
By Your Holy Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds
through Your Word of light and truth,
so that we might follow You more faithfully.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

WE NEED THE CHURCH!

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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*** PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)**
Gracious God, You are the Giver of all good gifts.
You come to us in grace, and we respond now in gratitude.
As we return to You a portion of what we have received,
take these offerings and use them for Your work in the world
so that Your Will is done and Your Kingdom comes.
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 370**
This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, June 9th, at 10:00 am at the church.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet Thursday, June 18th, 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!

We received a note from the PCC thanking our congregation for supporting the Hunger Buster program by donating \$197.25 worth of food in April.

Calendar

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| Today | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Seekers Class Worship Service |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | Circle 1 |
| Next Sunday | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Seekers Class 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

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| Bill Bailey | Joyce Barker | Rob Barker |
| Di Brammer | Pam Claterbaugh | Karen Smith |
| Marie Haines | Jake Hayes | Mary Anne Huff |
| Dennis Kincer | Joan Critzer | Ann Pace |
| Mac Pace | Sandy Smith | Kathy Pankavich |
| Debbie Newman | Elise Lanford | |

Friends and Family

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

***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

