

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

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday



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

Psalm 8; II Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

(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 gather before our Lord,
in faith that He is always with us.

**Congregants: We come together in worship,
seeking to follow where He leads.**

Minister: Our faith is the light that guides
through the darkness of this world.

**Congregants: Let us rejoice that our God
seeks us, finds us, and saves us.**

Minister: Praise be to God! Let us come to Him
in worship and adoration.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**God of grace and glory, of goodness and mercy,
we come before You this morning with full hearts,
with joys and sorrows all mixed together.**

**We rejoice in the beauty and majesty of Your creation,
and in the simple pleasures of the season's rhythms.**

**We rejoice in this community of faith that You assemble,
and in the love we have for one another.**

**But we also come in confession for straying from Your path.
Lord, forgive us for the busy-ness of our lives
that distracts us and keeps us from focusing on You.
Instead of seeing the glory of every miracle around us,
from the laughter of children to the melody of songbirds,
we have given attention only to our own tasks.
Rather than using Your gifts to build a better world,
we hoard them for our own purposes.
Startle us, we pray, with Your good news
that calls us back onto Your path.
When we think all is lost and that our sins are too dark,
remind us that Your forgiveness awaits only our repentance.
Make us new through Your Spirit, and bless us in Your service.
Hear these our silent and personal prayers.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Great is God's faithfulness. With God there is forgiveness,
and power and willingness to redeem. God's mercies
never come to an end, they are new every morning.
As forgiven people, let us praise the Lord!

***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 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, ²for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ⁸Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be

lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Marie Pooler
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31, 2:15

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit;

you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy Lord, we seek for understanding, for wisdom,
for revelation, for Your guiding presence in our lives.
Open our ears, our hearts, and our minds,
and open us to Your miracles all around us.
Teach us how to follow the path of Your Spirit,
and may we now learn Your Word and Will for us.
Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

* PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS (unison)

**We come, our God, with gratitude for all You have provided.
Let these offerings help us along the path of life,
and might they be useful in following Your Way,
serving Your Church, and sharing Your grace.
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 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

CHARGE

GARDEN DEDICATION

(in Fellowship Hall)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special Garden Dedication will be included at the end of the service, the congregation will proceed into the Fellowship Hall and garden area for the dedication, followed by generous servings of strawberry shortcake for all! Good, hard work has gone into making the garden a special place for meditation, for prayer, for gatherings, and we thank all who have been part of this important project!

THE SESSION WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING following the morning worship service this morning. If you have any matters for the elders, or if you would like to join Northminster, please contact the Minister.

REMINDER NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 7th, OUR WORSHIP SERVICE begins at 10:30, as we move into our summer schedule. Seekers class will meet at 9:30.

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.

Presbyterian Women: Thank you very much for the PW Lifetime pen and the beautiful flowers presented to me on May 10. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are much appreciated; it was truly a special day for me. Elise Lanford

Calendar

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| Today | 10:00 am | Seekers Class |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| 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

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

Friends and Family

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| Nancy Assaid | Joaquin Bielawski |
| 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

