

## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

We live in a world where there are germs and diseases; where there is death and loss. We live in a world where there is disappointment and pain, and if that pain can come to anyone, it can come to everyone; not because God sent it, but because that is the nature of life in this world.

But, when those bad things happen, when pain rolls over us, and the heart breaks, it is the nature of God to resurrect from brokenness something new. That is God's way; the ultimate sign of which is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

-Charles Poole

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Third Sunday of Eastertide**  
April 26, 2020  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“The resurrection gives our lives meaning and direction, and the opportunity to start over, no matter what our circumstances.”

-Robert Flatt

The Prelude “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 108 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he’ll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,  
singing forever more, “Alleluia! Amen!”

\*The Litany of Praise Bill Lee

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I love the Lord, for the Lord has heard my voice;

**People: God hears our cry for mercy.**

Leader: Because the ear of God is open to us,

**All: We will call on the Lord as long as we live.**

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation Bill Lee

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Recognition of High School Seniors

**2020 Northminster Graduates**

Ellie Caraway	Raeonna Carson	Katie Carter
Andrew Clark	Thaddeaus Hardge	Trey Herrington
Kelsey Mayhan	Ross McClintock	Connor McMullan
Ainsley Ray	Jackson Van Meter	Jon-Sanders Watson
Noel Wiggs		

The Lessons Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
I Peter 1:17-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The roses on the altar today are in celebration of the births of John Carol Clark, son of Trey and Amanda Clark, and Reeves Scott Wilson, daughter of Scott and Dana Wilson.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the (Virtual) Youth House:**

**Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m.**, like a normal Sunday night, but on Zoom. Contact Major for the link.

**Contact Major at:**

[major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)

**Children’s Storytime with the Pastors**

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Each of the Pastors will share a book and we’ll have a brief devotional thought.

Email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) if you would like the Zoom link.

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**Every member a minister**


Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor	Charles Poole
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

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**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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 Northminster is saddened by the death of Roger Friou, an active member of Northminster since 2008. Christian sympathy is extended to Susie Friou, 112 Hidden Heights, Ridgeland MS 39157, and to all of Roger’s loved ones and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Trey and Amanda Clark, on the birth of their son, John Carol Clark. John Carol is also welcomed by Ford and Reynolds Clark; Don and Patty Clark; and John Parker Clark.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Scott and Dana Wilson, on the birth of their daughter, Reeves Scott Wilson. Reeves is also welcomed by Rhodes Wilson; Jeff and Cindy Wilson; and Kip, Lee, and Shelby Wilson.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Libby McGee	Pat Walston	R.W. McCarley
Virginia Hamilton	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Martha Collum	Nancy Herrin
Roxanne Aldridge	Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin  
Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole  
Mary Hendrick, mother of Janet Clark

Remember those in military service: Bartavian Stanton and Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Third Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is Jeff Stancill.  
The Caregiving Chair for April is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Chair for May is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Jean Welsh.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.  
The Liturgist for April is Joe D. Rankin.  
The Liturgist for May is Linda McGehee.  
The Flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly, Joe D. Rankin, Kandy Sims and Jan Stewart.  
The Flowers for May are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jane Claire Williams.  
The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.  
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“Death and life are two sides of the same coin; you cannot have one without the other. Each time you surrender, each time you trust the dying, your faith is led to a deeper level and you discover a larger self underneath.”

-Fr. Richard Rohr

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Charles Poole

The Meditation

“Beautiful Savior”

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Christians, On This Day of Gladness”  
Pam Wardlaw Steadman, *soprano*

Bach

The Sermon

“New Beginnings”

Major Treadway

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“In every journey, there is meaning that is unknown to the traveler.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 107 “Christ Be My Leader”

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Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.  
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Burkhardt

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

**The Lectionary passages for April 26 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Acts 2:14, 36-41 ~ pages 885-886  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 ~ pages 491-492  
I Peter 1:17-23~ pages 983-984  
Luke 24:13-35 ~ pages 860-861