Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify you.”

- John 17:1
THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide
May 24, 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

“Iesus glorified God on earth by finishing the work God gave him to do. The crucifixion manifests the scope of divine power by disclosing the depth of divine love.”
-Craig R. Koester, adapted

The Prelude

“The Lord be with you;”
People: “And also with you.

The Spoken Call to Worship

“The Meditation of Preparation

This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF RECONCILIATION

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the (Virtual) Youth House: we will continue to meet on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm until we are able to meet in person.

Mystery Trip: tentatively rescheduled for some part of July 11-17 (the week when we would have gone to Passport). More details will be forthcoming - but not too many, it is still a Mystery.

Contact Major at:
major@northminsterbaptist.org

Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456

Though Sunday night children’s activities were scheduled to end Sunday, May 3, we have decided to extend our virtual offering of these activities through May 31.

On Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 pm, we will have a special Atrium Pentecost service via Zoom.

Girls of Grace and Guys 456 are meeting each week via Zoom, and the Atrium lesson is being uploaded to YouTube each week. If you would like links to any of these activities, please contact Lesley at leslie@northminsterbaptist.org or 601.927.0259.

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 leslie@northminsterbaptist.org if you would like the Zoom link.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We will not have a Bible Study on Wednesday, May 27, but we will return to our Revelation study on Wednesday, June 3. To attend/view, simply go to Northminster’s home page and click “Live Video Stream” under the “Watch Live” link. (Or type in www.northminsterbaptist.live.) From there, click “Archives” and select “Education.” Each Wednesday evening, by 5:30, you will see a new study uploaded there. (A PDF of the Wednesday night word search will be attached to an email blast, which will be sent each Wednesday.)

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
CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:
Harry Vickery is hospitalized at Baptist.
Gloria Martin is recovering after surgery.
Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.
Jonathan Boone is recovering at home.

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:  Chris Spencer
Mary Hendrick, mother of Janet Clark

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Drivers to deliver meals are needed for June 22. Two drivers from the same household or family is preferable. If you are available to deliver meals, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
The Meditation of Confession

“Father, forgive and renew us; send us out as usable instruments that we might take seriously the meaning of the cross.”

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

The Silent Prayer
The Assurance of Pardon
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer      Charles Poole
The Meditation
“The Eternal Father, Strong to Save”      Trotter

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
The Gospel      John 17:1-11
      Lesley Ratcliff
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem
“The Alleluia!”      O’Connor-Morris
Paz Naccari, mezzo

The Sermon
“Concerning the Prayer of Jesus”      Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“So you will have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

-John 16: 22

*The Recessional Hymn No. 262 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” DARWELL
Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*The Benediction
Charles Poole

*The Postlude
“Trumpet in Dialogue” Clearambault

*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for May 24 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:
Acts 1:6-14 – pages 884-885
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 – pages 460-461
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 – page 986
John 17:1-11 – page 879

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Seventh 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 Crisler Boone.
The Caregiving Chair for May is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Janice Joyner.
The Liturgist for May is Linda McGehee.
The Flowers for May are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jane Claire Williams.
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

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