Give us Lord, that holy fire,
To renew us day by day.
May we have that warmth in us,
To proclaim your love and power.

- Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers
**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**
**Pentecost Sunday**
May 31, 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

God, choose the way you manifest
by quiet breath or mighty wind
But fill us, Holy Guide and Guest:
Indwell as Comfort, Fire and Friend!
Come, Holy Spirit!

-David L. Hatton

The Prelude

"Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit"  Buxtehude

The Spoken Call to Worship

*The Processional Hymn No. 317  “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  TRENTHAM

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why?  The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

*The Litany of Praise

**Leader:** The Lord be with you;

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Fill thou our lives, O Lord, in every part with praise;

**People:** That our whole being may proclaim Thy being and Thy ways.

**Leader:** Fill thou our lives, O Lord, in every part with praise;

**All:** All praise to God who has turned our fear to joy, our sighs
to song, our tears to smiles, our sad to glad.

-Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers (adapted)

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

*The Prayer of Invocation

Jim Hess

**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**  Sam South
**Financial Secretary**  Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
**Receptionist/Secretary**  Lamenais Simeon

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**STUDENT NEWS:**

**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

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**Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456**
Tonight at 5:00 pm, we will have a special Atrium Pentecost service via Zoom. Girls of Grace and Guys 456 are invited to participate too. If you would like the link to participate, please contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601.927.0259.

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**Children’s Storytime with the Pastors**
We will resume on June 10 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 if you would like the Zoom link.

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**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**
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 night study, 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.)

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**Meals on Wheels**

**Monday, June 1**
Drivers: Cindy and Bill Reed

**Wednesday, June 17**
Drivers: Laine and Bob Hardin

**Monday, June 22**
Drivers: Jo Ann Welch and Karen Gilder

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**The Greeting**
Lesley Ratcliff

**The Lessons**
Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21

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

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession
“Lord, you know me. I am so set in my ways at times. Give me the grace to admit when I am wrong, to turn from myself and accept your love, your way, your will.”
- Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

**The Silent Prayer**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**The Meditation**
“Meditation on CROSS-FORMED LIFE”
Joe M. Rankin, clarinet

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel
John 7:37-39
Charles Poole

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

The Anthem
“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”
Kirkpatrick
Derrick Burt, tenor

The Sermon
“What Does This Mean?”
Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Come, Holy Spirit, convict, convert, and consecrate us. If the doors of our heart are closed to the coming of your Spirit, then open them, come in, and never leave.

-Evangeline Rajlumar

*The Recessional Hymn No. 295 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine, until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure. to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me until this earthly part of me glows with thine fire divine. glows with thine fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*The Benediction

*The Postlude “Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord” Grams
*The congregation will please stand.
The Lectionary passages for May 31 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Acts 2:1-21 ~ page 885  
Numbers 11:24-30 ~ page 114  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~ pages 483-484  
John 7:37-39 ~ page 869

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost first appears as the “Festival of Weeks” in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest, and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit in a new way on “the birthday of the church.” The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost; the white swirls of wind and wonder transforming into the shape of a dove and a flame. These white images symbolize the purity and holiness of the Holy Spirit, and are three-dimensional; standing out from the rest of the banner, to symbolize the truth that the Spirit is not just a part of the Pentecost story in Acts, but transcends time and space and is a part of our story, even now. The angularity and use of the color red symbolize the radiant power, energy, and action of the Holy Spirit. The fire of the Spirit comes to rest on a dozen triangles, the twelve disciples. The additional, open triangle represents us, the whole family of faith, as we, too, are disciples of Christ, on whom, and through whom, the Holy Spirit descends and moves.

The Pentecost Banner was commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, and was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us and show us the way.

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 Brooks Elfert.
The Caregiving Chair for May is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Peggy Brady.
The Liturgist for May is Linda McGhee.
The Liturgist for June is Amy Williams.
The Flowers for May are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jane Claire Williams.
The Flowers for June are provided by Lisa Kelly, Ann Lauman, Kandy Sims and Mary Elizabeth Smith.
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.
The Usher Captain for June is Dawn Warrington.