



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

-Luke 6:46

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 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

Dear God, speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noises of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you. Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying: "Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest. . . for I am gentle and humble of heart." Let that loving voice be my guide. Amen.

-Henri Nouwen

The Prelude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Callahan

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*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 forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

*The Litany of Praise Hawthorne Cleveland

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Hear us, O Lord, and answer us, for we are weak and troubled.

People: We trust in the Lord for strength and mercy, for the Lord is good and forgiving.

Leader: The Lord is abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon the name of the Lord.

People: All the nations shall worship before the Lord and glorify the name of the Lord.

All: For the Lord is great and does wondrous things.

-Psalm 86:1-10, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Hawthorne Cleveland

The Greeting Major Treadway

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
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Charles Poole
Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

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STUDENT NEWS:

Movie Night: Wednesday, June 24. 7:00 p.m.

Amphitheater (beside the Youth House).

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**2020 Family Camp**

July 13-17, 2020

Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, North Carolina

Families will travel together and stay together at Rockmont, where we will enjoy Rockmont's many activities, outdoor worship, family meals, porch sitting and more!

The cost per family is \$1000, plus transportation and meals in transit, plus one evening meal. Scholarship money is available.

For more details or to sign up, please contact Major Treadway ([major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)) or Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)).

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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 if you would like the Zoom link.

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**Meals on Wheels**

**Monday, June 22**

**Drivers:** Jo Ann Welch and Karen Gilder

We will resume our regular schedule beginning in July. If anyone has questions, or is uncomfortable, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375.

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Brumfield House

June 25

Bo Allen

July 2

Jeff Wilson

July 9

Joe Sims

July 16

Gayla Purvis

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**Plants For Church Grounds**

With so many of us spending more time at home and working in our gardens, I thought it would be a good time to ask for plants you have that you may be thinning out.

Some of the specific plants we would like to have are: *Hostas, Wood Ferns, Autumn Ferns, Swamp Irises*, perennials like *Daisies, Mexican Petunias, Irises, Black-Eyed Susans*, etc. Please call Joe D. Rankin, Chair, Landscaping and Grounds, 601-942-9356.

The Lessons

Genesis 21:8-21  
Romans 6:1b-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

God beyond us, beside us, and within us, we come to you in our humanness, confessing that our desire to please you is often met with self-will and self-doubt. We beg your forgiveness. Give us the courage to go beyond our places of comfort, to stand beside those needing the touch of your hand, and to experience the silence within ourselves, trusting that you are always there.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"The Gift to Be Simple"

Wood

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"The God of Love My Shepherd Is"  
Jim Hess, *bass*

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The Sermon

"What We Hear In a Whisper"

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Dear God,  
Make us strong in spirit,  
Courageous in action,  
Gentle of heart.

Let us act in wisdom,  
Conquer our fears and doubts,  
Discover our own hidden gifts,  
Meet others with compassion,  
Be a source of healing and understanding,  
And face each day with hope and joy.  
Amen.

-Victoria Wilson

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 669 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us - free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "In Christ There Is No East or West" Wood

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for June 21 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Genesis 21:8-21 ~ page 15
- Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 ~ pages 473-474
- Romans 6:1b-11 ~ page 917
- Matthew 10:24-39 ~ page 791

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Carol, John and Jonathan Tingle on the death of Carol's mother, Alfalene Vardaman Morse.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to David and Emily Benzenhafer on the death of their sister-in-law, Deb Benzenhafer.

Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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| 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

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry, and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.



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 Gray Jackson.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Gail England.

The Caregiver of the Week is Shari Culver.

The Liturgist for June is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for June are provided by Lisa Kelly, Ann Lauman, Kandy Sims,

Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jan Stewart.

The Usher Captain for June is Dawn Warrington.