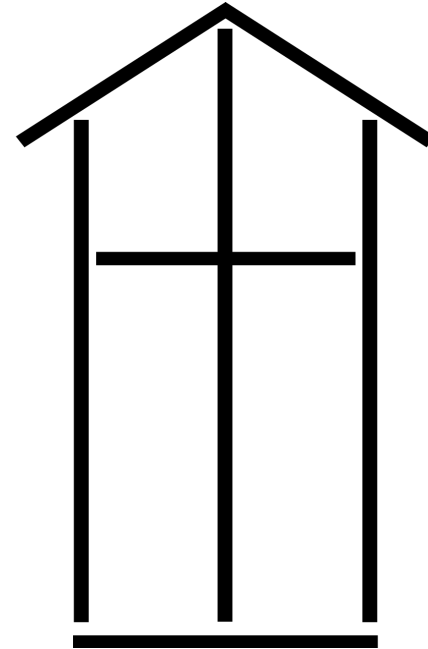


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Isn’t it amazing that we are all made in God’s image, and yet there is so much diversity among the people of God.”

-Desmond Tutu

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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.

The Meditation of Preparation

“Within all of us there is a spark of the divine. It is planted by God, and we are called to use it for good, to be the best we can be.”

-John Lewis, *adapted*

The Prelude “Like a River Glorious” Pethel

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 Jack McDaniel

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

-Psalm 46, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jack McDaniel

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Genesis 32:22-31
Romans 9:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, August 3

Cooks:

Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady
Patsy Caraway

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Youth
Rt. 2 Marianna Field &
Janet Holt

Brumfield House

August 6

Skipper Jernigan

August 13

Jimmy Allen

August 20

Taylor Beard

August 27

Bryan Bridges

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.

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Jan Wilson is recovering after surgery.
Linda McGehee is recovering after surgery.
Sue Edwards is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

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 Ninth 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 Amy Finkelberg.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Susie Friou and Susan O’Mara.
The Caregivers of the Week are Susie Friou and Susan O’Mara.
The Liturgist for August is Linda McGehee.
The Flowers for August are provided by Jill Buckley, Lida Caraway, Ann Lauman and Ann Vickery.
The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession
“We need to give each other the space to grow, and to be ourselves. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing and inclusion.”

-Max de Pree, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer		
The Assurance of Pardon		
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Lesley Ratcliff
The Meditation	“Andante”	Reinecke

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21	Charles Poole
Leader:	This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

The Anthem	“Come, O Thou Traveler” Paz Naccari, <i>alto</i> Amulet Strange, <i>flute</i>	Jackson
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The Sermon	“Concerning the Journey”	Charles Poole
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TIME OF RESPONSE

“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.”
-unknown

*The Recessional Hymn No. 697 “In Christ There Is No East or West” *ST. PETER*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*The Benediction		Charles Poole
*The Postlude	“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”	Martin

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 2 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Genesis 32:22-31~ page 26
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 ~ page 431
Romans 9:1-5 ~ page 920
Matthew 14:13-21 ~ page 796