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

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
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”

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

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.  

-Psalms 46, adapted

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

**MEINEKE**

*MADRID*

*The Prayer of Invocation*

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.
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.

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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

The Meditation “Andante”
Lesley Ratcliff
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”
Jackson
Paz Naccari, alto
Amulet Strange, flute

The Sermon “Concerning the Journey”
Charles Poole

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