THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lord, in this sacred place
where even the stones speak of your name,
help me to be still and know
that I am enfolded in your love.

- Peter Millar, An Iona Prayer Book
THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 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
The Body of Christ is the fundamental resonance of humility, of self-giving, that is, sacrificial kenosis that leads to creation and re-creation, no matter in what sphere. It is the cohesion of creation.

-Maggie Ross

The Prelude
“Aria on a Chaconne”  Martinson

The Spoken Call to Worship
Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 62 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  ST. DENIO

While we are not singing at this time, the words to the processional and recessional hymns are printed in our order of worship for us to read silently.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*The Litany of Praise
Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Leader: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.
People: We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God’s presence with us.
Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.
All: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us.

-Peggy McClanahan, Flames of the Spirit

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

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STUDENT NEWS:

Let’s have lunch: **Monday, July 20 at noon.** Come to the church and we’ll spread out and share a meal together. Let Major (major@northminsterbaptist.org) know **by Sunday night (July 19)** if you will be coming so that there will be enough food.

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BEACH BLANKET BOP

**Sunday, July 19**

3:00-4:00 p.m. ~ Children in 1st through 6th grades
4:00-5:00 p.m. ~ Children ages 3 through Kindergarten

We will gather in the Great Hall for a Bible Story, craft, and snack.
Bring a beach towel to sit on.
Children will be given a beach bucket with craft supplies and snack.
Masks are strongly encouraged.
Children ages 3 through Kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult.

Come join the fun!

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FAMILY FOUR SQUARE TOURNAMENT AND PICNIC

**Sunday, July 26**

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Families bring your own picnic, chairs, blankets, etc.
Gather around the basketball court which will be turned into a large four square court.
We will create a bracket as everyone arrives.
Games will last 5 minutes with at least two families competing at a time.
The game ball and everyone’s hands will be sanitized between games.
Young children can compete in a square with parents or older siblings so that everyone can play.
Will your family take home the Northminster Four Square Tournament Trophy?!

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MEALS ON WHEELS

**Wednesday, July 15**

**Cooks:**
Polly Bourne
Sylvia Carraway
Cathy Davis

**Drivers:**
Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Patricia Pace
Rt. 2 Susie Friou & Kurt Metzner

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Brumfield House

**July 16**
Gayla Purvis

**July 23**
Scott Wilson

**July 30**
Kirk Sims

**August 6**
Skipper Jernigan

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*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father”  MEINEKE
*The Prayer of Invocation  Eddie Mahaffey
The Greeting  Major Treadway
The Lessons  Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession
The confession of our sin before God and one another reminds us that as individual believers and as a community of faith, we do stray or turn from the ways of love and justice. We believe that if we confess, we shall be forgiven and freed from the burden of guilt and empowered to carry on the ministry of Christ.

-Ann B. Day, *Touch Holiness*

The Silent Prayer
The Assurance of Pardon
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer  Major Treadway

The Meditation  “Have No Fear, Little Flock”  Burkhardt

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel  Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem  “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  Wood
Richard Joiner, baritone

The Sermon  “An Alternative Cosmos”  Lesley Ratcliff

TIME OF RESPONSE

If Christ lives in us, controlling our personalities, we will leave glorious marks on the lives we touch. Not because of our lovely characters, but because of the character of Christ.

-adapted from Eugenia Price

*The Recessional Hymn No. 556 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”  ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O draw my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am; be thou alone my constant flame.
O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; my every act, word, thought, be love.
In suffering be thy love my peace, in weakness be thy love my power;
and when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and staff and guide, and draw me safely to thy side!

*The Benediction  Lesley Ratcliff
*The Postlude  “When in Our Music”  Powell
*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for July 12 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Genesis 25:19-34 ~ page 19
- Psalm 119:105-112 ~ pages 495-496
- Romans 8:1-11 ~ pages 918-919
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 ~ page 794

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**
- Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.
- Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.
- Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**
- Libby McGee
- Virginia Hamilton
- Vivian Thompson
- Roxanne Aldridge
- Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles
- Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin
- Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole
- R.W. McCarley
- Pat Walston
- Jack Cochran
- Martha Collum
- Gorman Schaffer
- Virginia Hamilton
- Robby Cross
- Nancy Herrin
- Sue Edwards
- R.W. McCarley
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Today is the Sixth 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 John England.
- The Caregiving Chair for July is Faye Barham.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Susan O’Mara.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Steve and Melissa Godbold.
- The Liturgist for July is Gray Jackson.
- The Flowers for July are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Lynda Street and Jane Claire Williams.
- The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

**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.