

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

What breath is to the physical body, hope is to the human spirit. Hope is what animates us. It is the fuel that energizes us, gets us up in the morning, and propels us through the day.

“As long as there’s life, there’s hope.” The deeper truth is that, “As long as there’s hope, there’s life.”

-John R. Claypool, *The Hopeful Heart*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

Some see only a hopeless end, but the Christian rejoices in an endless hope.
-Gilbert Brenken

The Prelude "Golden Breaks the Dawn" Bedford

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN' FEST BURG*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*The Litany of Praise Gray Jackson

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Great Spirit, you have turned your face earthward and opened
your heart to your children,

People: And so, O God, do we turn to you now?

Leader: We turn to you for purpose and correction,

People: For joy and peace,

Leader: For a way out of hopeless situations,

People: For justice,

Leader: For forgiveness,

People: For love.

**All: We turn to you, O God, for all these things, offered through
Jesus the Christ, the maker of redemption and the bringer
of hope.**

-Roger D. Straw, *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
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
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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, July 27

Cooks:

Gail England
Ann Calhoon
Kelly Hicks

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Pat Welsh &
Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Kay Allen &
Geri Smith

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**Brumfield House**

**July 30**

Kirk Sims

**August 6**

Skipper Jernigan

**August 13**

Jimmy Allen

**August 20**

Taylor Beard

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Gray Jackson

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 105:1-11
Romans 8:26-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession to God in hope and faith.

-James T. Fatzinger, *Touch Holiness*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Eternal Spirit of the Living God"

Callahan

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Abide with Me"

Ives

Rose Mary Porter, *soprano*

The Sermon

"Concerning the Love of God"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

Keep looking up.....

That's the secret of Life.....

-Snoopy, *PEANUTS Guide To Life*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 519 "It Is Well with My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

*It is well it is well with my soul with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin - not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
"Even so" - it well with my soul.

Refrain:

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Burkhardt


***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for July 26 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Genesis 29:15-28 ~ pages 22-23
- Psalms 105:1-11 ~ page 484
- Romans 8:26-39 ~ pages 919-920
- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 ~ page 795

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Evelyn Jones, a member of Northminster for forty years. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Evelyn's family members and friends.

Jan Wilson is recovering after surgery.

Linda McGehee is recovering after surgery.

Sue Edwards is recovering after surgery.

Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

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 Eighth 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 Kirk Sims.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Susie Friou and Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiver of the Week is Anne Guidry.

The Liturgist for July is Gray Jackson.

The Liturgist for August is Linda McGehee.

The Flowers for July are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Lynda Street and Jane Claire Williams.

The Flowers for August are provided by Jill Buckley, Lida Caraway, Ann Lauman and Ann Vickery.

The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.