

**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

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 20**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 3:00 p.m. Book Study, *Leaving Church*, Zoom  
 4:00 p.m. Book Study, *The Color of Compromise*, GH  
 5:00 p.m. 7th-9th Grade, Amphitheater  
 6:00 p.m. 10th-12th Grade, YH Deck  
 6:00 p.m. Book Study, *Different and Distinctive but Nevertheless Baptist*, GH  
 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 21**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
 8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom  
 6:00 p.m. Book Study, *Shameless*, GH

**Tuesday, September 22**

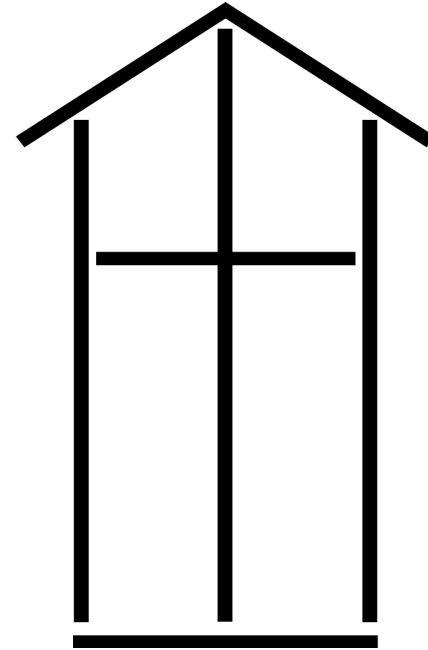
4:00 p.m. Book Study, *A Thousand Mornings*, Zoom  
 6:00 p.m. Book Study, *Christ on the Psych Ward*, GH

**Thursday, September 24**

10:00 a.m. Book Study, *The Path Between Us*, Zoom

**Sunday, September 27**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 3:00 p.m. Book Study, *Leaving Church*, Zoom  
 4:00 p.m. Book Study, *The Color of Compromise*, GH  
 5:00 p.m. 7th-9th Grade, Amphitheater  
 6:00 p.m. 10th-12th Grade, YH Deck  
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”  
 -Jonah 4:2

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 20, 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

“Allow God to transform your mind, such that everything you are, and everything you encounter, speak with the breath of the Spirit.”

-Daniel Walpert, *Chasing a Life With God*

The Prelude “I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills” Wood

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

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

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, unchanging, 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 Bennett Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, and let the world know of God’s wonderful deeds.

**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Leader: Search for the Lord’s strength;

**People: Remember the Lord’s miracles and judgements.**

**All: Praise the Lord for the mercy, loving kindness, and justice of God.**

-Psalm 105, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Bennett Stribling

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**Wednesday, September 28**

**Cooks:** Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan  
Ann Vickery

**Drivers:** Rt. 1 Jean and Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

**Brumfield House**

**September 24**

Scott Wilson

**October 1**

Jeff Wilson

**October 8**

Joe Sims

**October 15**

Steve Cook

## STUDENT NEWS:

### Sunday Nights at the Youth House:

7th-9th grade: 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the amphitheater

10th-12th grade: 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the deck

Join us at the Youth House for a shared meal, games, songs, lesson and prayer.

**Stewpot: October 3 at 9:00 a.m.** We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together. Due to limitations at Stewpot, this event will be limited to ten students. Please text (601.910.8619) or email [major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

**Fall Retreat: November 13 - 15.** Mark your calendars now! More details to come.

### SEVEN BY TEN BOOK STUDY

During this time when Adult Studies is unable to gather in its regular format, the Adult Ministries Committee is excited to offer this four-week opportunity for Adult Studies. Beginning the week of September 20, we are offering seven small book studies of ten people or less with three groups meeting on Zoom and four groups meeting in person in the Great Hall.

#### Christ on the Psych Ward

**Facilitator:** Gray Jackson

Tuesdays at 6pm in the Great Hall, starting September 22

#### The Color of Compromise

**Facilitator:** Andy Frame

Sundays at 4pm in the Great Hall, starting September 20

#### Leaving Church

**Facilitator:** Wilson Stribling

Sundays at 3pm on Zoom, starting September 20

#### A Thousand Mornings

**Facilitator:** Annette Hitt

Tuesdays at 4pm on Zoom, starting September 22

#### Different and Distinctive but Nevertheless Baptist

**Facilitator:** Doug Boone

Sundays at 6pm in the Great Hall, starting September 20

#### The Path Between Us

**Facilitator:** Elizabeth Quinn

Thursdays at 10am on Zoom, starting September 24

#### Shameless

**Facilitator:** Lida Caraway

Mondays at 6pm in the Great Hall, starting September 21

For more information or to sign up for a group, please call the church office at 601.982.4703 or email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org). Books are available in the church office. Each group will be filled on a first come, first serve basis - so sign up today!

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“It seems to be that I am often the cause of my own blindness and the source of my own pain. It is only when I get the distortions of self out of the way, that I can see clearly. For this I pray: Dear Lord, lift me out of the blinding, inhibited narrow-mindedness of self-consciousness—that I might see.”

-Jo Carr, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“O, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

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### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“He’s Been Faithful”

Smith

Connie Kossen, *mezzo-soprano*

The Sermon

“The Journey Jonah Never Took”

Charles Poole

### TIME OF RESPONSE

“Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

-James 1:19

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *CWM RHONDDA*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty—hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
(want no more,) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
(strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
(give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Jubilate”

Jordan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for September 20 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Jonah 3:10-4:11 ~ page 753
- Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 ~ pages 484-485
- Philippians 1:21-30 ~ pages 953-954
- Matthew 20:1-16 ~ page 801

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Will and Lanna Cox Daniels on the birth of their son, Jones Nelson Daniels. Jones is also welcomed by his brother Wright; Pam and Larkin Carter, Cori and Robert Ely, Bowen Cox and Blair Ely.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

Mary Elizabeth Smith is recovering after surgery.

Mary Ashley Adkins is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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| Linda McGehee    | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Libby McGee      | Robyn Chunn     | R.W. McCarley     |
| Pat Walston      | Jack Cochran    | Robbie Cross      |
| Vivian Thompson  | Martha Collum   | Nancy Herrin      |
| Roxanne Aldridge | Gorman Schaffer |                   |

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 Sixteenth 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 Taylor Beard.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for September are Bob Crisler and Kurt Metzner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Elizabeth Boone and Brooks Elfert.

The Liturgist for September is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for September are provided by John Tingle.

The Usher Captains for September are the Usher Co-Chairs.

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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Jones Nelson Daniels. The proud parents are Will and Lanna Cox Daniels.