



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”

-Philippians 4:4-5

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 11, 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

“Over all, and not ascending,  
 Under all, but not depending.  
 Over all, the world ordaining,  
 Under all, the world sustaining.”  
 -Hildebert of Torres

The Prelude “Adagio” Widor

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 20 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *ODE TO JOY*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
 giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!  
 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.  
 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

\*The Litany of Praise Lee Boyd

Leader: The Lord be with you;  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Leader: Praise the Lord. Give thanks for God’s goodness.  
**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**  
 Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.  
**People: Save us, O Lord, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.**  
**All: Come and worship God!**

-Psalm 106, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Lee Boyd

**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
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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 11**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 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

**Monday, October 12**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH

**Tuesday, October 13**

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

**Wednesday, October 14**

5:30 p.m. High School Seniors, GH

**Thursday, October 15**

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

**Sunday, October 18**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. 7th-9th Grade, Amphitheater  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Livestream  
 6:00 p.m. 10th-12th Grade, YH Deck  
 6:45 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting, GH

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**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.

**Fall Retreat: November 13 - 15.**

**Where:** Camp Wesley Pines in Hazlehurst\*

**Cost:** \$50

\*In the event that we are unable to meet at Camp Wesley Pines, we will gather at Northminster and Northside, and students will sleep at home. In the event that it is inadvisable to gather at all, we will postpone the retreat, rather than meet virtually.

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**Adult Studies: Bible 101**

**October 18 & 25 and November 8 & 15**

Adult Studies will return on Sunday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and it will be live streamed for those who are not ready to return to the Sanctuary.

Eddie Mahaffey will lead us in a study of the Major and Minor Prophets in this third installment of Bible 101 which seeks to answer the “who, what, when, where and why” of Biblical Authorship.

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, October 18**

**Firecrackers:** Taylor and Justin Beard

**Sparklers:** Caroline and Kirk Sims

**Sunday, October 25**

**Firecrackers:** Ceejaye and Mitch Peters

**Sparklers:** Weatherly and Becker Sams

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, October 21**

**Cooks:**

Sara Hays  
Missy Caver  
Judy Rankin

**Drivers:**

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

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**Brumfield House**

**October 15**

Steve Cook

**October 22**

Tom Starling

**October 29**

Josh Poole

**November 5**

Kirk Sims

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Exodus 32:1-14  
Philippians 4:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Burkhardt

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”  
Lisa Strum, *soprano*

Hopson

The Sermon

“Concerning Gentleness”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“Every person is a child of God, equal in dignity, deserving of equal respect. We all belong to one another; that is the way God made us.”

-William Sloane Coffin

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 532 “Be Thou My Vision”

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Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

Albrecht

***\*The congregation will please stand.***

The Lectionary passages for October 11 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Exodus 32:1-14 ~ page 69
- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 ~ pages 485-486
- Philippians 4:1-9 ~ page 955
- Matthew 22:1-14 ~ page 803

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** Jonathan and Mimi Ackleh-Tingle on the occasion of their marriage on Friday, October 2.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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| Nancy Herrin     | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Libby McGee      | Robyn Chunn     | R.W. McCarley     |
| Pat Walston      | Jack Cochran    | Robbie Cross      |
| Vivian Thompson  | Martha Collum   |                   |
| 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 Nineteenth 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 Anne Guidry.

The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Joan Haynie and Faye Barham.

The Caregivers of the Week are Bob and Laine Hardin.

The Liturgist for October is Shirley Foster.

The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street, Kandy Sims, Ann Lauman, Ann Vickery, and Joe D. Rankin.

The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

A **printed** list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on Sunday, November 1. Names may be submitted by emailing Leslie Ward ([lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org)) or by printing them on this form, which may be brought by the church office. Please submit all names by **Monday, October 19.**

On the evening of November 1, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an All Saints' Vesper Service, at which time the names will be read aloud.