



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for the Lord is coming, the Lord is coming to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.”

-Psalm 96:1, 11-13

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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

“When in our music God is glorified, it is as though the whole creation cried.”
 -Fred Pratt Green

The Prelude “Adagio” Widor

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 16 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” *DUKE STREET*

Give to our God immortal praise;
 mercy and truth are all his ways:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
 and fixed the starry lights on high:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
 he bids the moon direct the night:
 his mercies ever shall endure,
 when suns and moons, shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with power to save
 from guilt and darkness and the grave:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vast world he guides our feet,
 and leads us to his heavenly seat:
 his mercies ever shall endure,
 when this our world shall be no more.

*The Litany of Praise Sarah Beth Greener

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Tell of the Lord’s salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations,

People: And tell God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: Let the field exult, and everything in it.

Leader: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for the Lord comes to judge the earth.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good: the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!

-From I Chronicles 16:23-24, 32-34

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, October 18**

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

**Monday, October 19**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
 8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH

**Wednesday, October 21**

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 5:30 p.m. High School Seniors, GH

**Sunday, October 25**

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

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**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:**

**7th-9th grade:** 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**10th-12th grade:** 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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.

Email [major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

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Adult Studies: Bible 101
October 18 & 25 and November 8 & 15

Adult Studies will return tonight 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 Retreat**

Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend the Children’s Retreat on **November 7-8 at Twin Lakes Camp** in Florence, Mississippi.

We will depart from the church at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning and return in time to sit together in worship on Sunday morning. To register, please contact Lesley for forms and guidelines.

**Please email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or call the church office, 601-982-4703, with questions or to sign up!**

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CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25

Firecrackers: Ceejaye and Mitch Peters

Sparklers: Neely & Michael McGinnis

Sunday, November 1

Firecrackers: Kristi Clark and Octavia Carson

Sparklers: Bo and Mary Kathryn Allen

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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 22

Tom Starling

October 29

Josh Poole

November 5

Kirk Sims

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Sarah Beth Greener

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 96
I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Gracious God, when we have food, help us remember the hungry,

When we have work, help us remember the jobless,

When we have a home, help us remember those who have no home at all;

When we are without pain, help us remember those who suffer.

And, remembering, help us to repent of our complacency.

-Samuel F. Pugh, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Burkhardt

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”
Cheryl Coker, *soprano*

Lekberg

The Sermon

“Fields and Forests, Seas and Trees”

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“It may be that when we no longer know which way to go that we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.”

-Wendell Berry

*The Recessional Hymn No. 115 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADER’S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*The Benediction Charles Poole
 *The Postlude “Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” Albrecht
 **The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for October 18 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 33:12-23 ~ page 70
 Psalm 96 ~ pages 479-480
 I Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~ page 959
 Matthew 22:15-22 ~ pages 803-804

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Will and Mary McCall McArthur on the birth of their son, Russel Paul McArthur. Russel is welcomed also by his sister, Norah, along with their extended family.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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 Twentieth 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 Annette Hitt.  
 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 Carolyn McIntyre and Cathy Davis.  
 The Liturgist for October is Shirley Foster.  
 The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street, Kandy Sims, Ann Lauman, Ann Vickery, Joe D. Rankin and Mary Elizabeth Smith.  
 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). Forms are also included in the bulletin, and available in 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 for an All Saints’ Vesper Service, at which time the names we have submitted will be read aloud; a service which will be preceded by the annual planting of the memorial dogwood at 5:00.