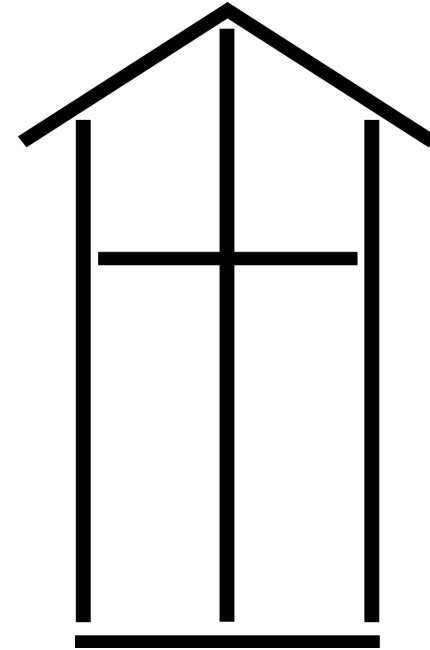


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 25**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 Resume  
 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

**Monday, October 26**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH  
 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Wednesday, October 28**

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

**Sunday, November 1**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion/All Saints'  
 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456  
 5:00 p.m. 7th-9th Grade, GH  
 5:00 p.m. Dogwood Planting in Memorial Garden  
 5:30 p.m. All Saints' Vesper Service, Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. 10th-12th Grade, GH

“Whenever anyone asks me, ‘What is the most important passage in the whole Bible?’ I always say, ‘This is it, the passage in Matthew chapter twenty-two, which tells us to love God with all that is in us and to love others as we love ourselves, because, according to Jesus, those verses are the verses by which all the other verses in the Bible are to be interpreted.’”

-“This Is It”

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 25, 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

“If indeed we love the Lord with all our hearts, minds, and strength, we are going to have to stretch our hearts, open our minds, and strengthen our souls, whether our years are three score and ten or not yet twenty. God cannot lodge in a narrow mind. God cannot lodge in a small heart. To accommodate God, they must be palatial.”

-William Sloane Coffin

The Prelude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Buxtehude

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

\*The Processional Hymn No. 802 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” *HOLY MANNA*

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down:  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;  
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior—tell them that he will be found:  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us pause before our Maker and in silence hear his voice;  
Christ the Living Word now meets us; in his truth let us rejoice.  
What we are should not appall us for his mercy meets us here;  
we are now made one in Jesus, may our worship be sincere.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;  
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

\*The Litany of Praise Cheryl Allen

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lord, you teach us to tell time differently, a thousand years or a day makes no difference to you.

**People: Help us to make the most of every moment you give us.**

Leader: A day without you at the center is a day wasted.

**People: Show us your love in the morning, and we will rejoice all day long.**

**All: May the blessing of the Lord rest on us today.**

-Psalm 90, *adapted*

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

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**Monday, October 26**

**Cooks:**

Cathy Davis  
Gail England  
Ann Calhoun

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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Brumfield House

October 29

Josh Poole

November 5

Kirk Sims

November 12

Jimmy Allen

November 19

Annette Hitt

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 to sign up.

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***Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium,  
Girls of Grace and Guys 456  
will resume tonight at 5:00 p.m.***

Please contact Lesley ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)  
or 601.927.0259) if your child would like to participate.

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**Adult Studies: Bible 101
Tonight and November 8 & 15**

5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary and Livestream

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, November 1

Firecrackers: Kristi Clark & Octavia Carson
Sparklers: Bo & Mary Kathryn Allen

Sunday, November 8

Chapel Coordinators: Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers: Kelly & Josh Guyton
Sparklers: Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

*The Prayer of Invocation

Cheryl Allen

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulfill it. Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives so that we may look to the good of others in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of thy spirit; for the sake of the One who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

-Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901)

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide You”

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 22:33-46

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Gift of Love”
Jack McDaniel, *baritone*

Hopson

The Sermon

“The Great Commandment”

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“Jesus calls us to a life whose horizons are not confined to the contours of our own self but are expanded by the love of God; a life of love for neighbor; a life whose purpose and meaning are found in that love; a life, at the end of the day, that is good and full and joyful.

-Dr. John Buchanan

*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“Prelude in C”

Bach

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for October 25 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 ~ page 168
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 ~ pages 476-477
I Thessalonians 2:1-8 ~ page 959
Matthew 22:34-46 ~ page 804

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Sham and Kathleen Davis Singh on the birth of their son, Henry Benjamin Singh. Henry is also welcomed by Keith and Kathryn Davis, and Lucy Davis.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dolph and Dea Dea Baker on the birth of their granddaughter, Freda Elizabeth Baker Burnett. The proud parents are Rachel Baker and James Burnett of Charlottesville, VA.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Merle Dean	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 Twenty-First 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 Gray Jackson.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Joan Haynie and Faye Barham.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Patsy Caraway and Beth Hood.  
The Liturgist for October is Shirley Foster.  
The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.  
The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street, Kandy Sims, Ann Lauman, Ann Vickery, Joe D. Rankin and Mary Elizabeth Smith.  
The Flowers for November are provided by Ann Lauman, Sylvia Carraway, Lida Caraway, Joe D. Rankin, Jan Stewart and Lisa Kelly.  
The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.  
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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**All Saints' Vesper Service
Sunday, November 1 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

A list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of this evening's worship service. We will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an **All Saints' Vesper Service**, at which time the names which have been submitted by our congregation will be read aloud.

(Prior to the vesper service, we will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony, at 5:00 p.m., in the memorial garden at the north end of the campus.)