



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”

-Matthew 21:42-43

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

October 4, 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

“Let us break bread together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.”

-African-American Spiritual

The Prelude “Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 108 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
 loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
 Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
 praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
 let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he’ll condescend;  
 his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
 life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
 On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,  
 singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

\*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We come into this sacred space to worship God;

**People: Whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.**

Leader: We come into this holy place to worship God;

**People: Whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear.**

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
 be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

-Psalm 19, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Suzanne Smith

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
 Philippians 3:4b-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**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 4**

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 5**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
 8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH  
 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, October 6**

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

**Wednesday, October 7**

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

**Thursday, October 8**

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

**Sunday, October 11**

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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**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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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, October 5**

**Cooks:**

Lisa Cobb  
Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims

**Drivers:**

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

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**Brumfield House**

**October 8**

Joe Sims

**October 15**

Steve Cook

**October 22**

Tom Starling

**October 29**

Josh Poole

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**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for ignoring the rhythms of life. Forgive our audacity; creating our own schedules and timetables, full of ambition and impatience. Restore in us your eternal clock: seasons of calm and seasons of growth, inhaling and exhaling, noise and quiet. Restore in us the balance you instilled in each of us when we entered this world that we may again work in harmony with you and your creation.

-Cavett Taff

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“Adagio”

Franck

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Gentle Redeemer”

Handel

Gwen Anderson, *soprano*

The Sermon

“Trapped”

Major Treadway

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table

Major Treadway

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread into open hands. After having received it, worshippers will return by the outside aisle, be seated, and each eat the bread.

The Cup Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Receive the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“We are God’s sharecroppers. We tend the earth and its riches for someone else’s behalf. We are expected to represent God’s interests, being as generous with each other as God is with us. We are not owners. We were never meant to be. It is not the American way, but it is the kingdom way, and I will tell you something: the harvest will take your breath away.”

-Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Healing Word: Gospel Meditations for the Soul*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 768 “I Come with Joy” DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise,  
we’ll live and speak his praise.

\*The Benediction Major Treadway

\*The Postlude “Thanks Be to Thee” Handel

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for October 4 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 ~ page 58
- Psalm 19 ~ page 433
- Philippians 3:4b-14 ~ pages 954-955
- Matthew 21:33-46 ~ page 803

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Bill and Cindy Reed on the death of Bill’s sister, Cheryl Reed Tucker.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

Mary Elizabeth Smith 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 Eighteenth 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 Brooks Elfert.

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 Helen Turner and Amanda Milam.

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.



**Communion and Children**

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.