# 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.

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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 CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 15		
9:00 a.m	Youth Retreat, Northminster	
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

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH Deck

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Livestream

Monday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

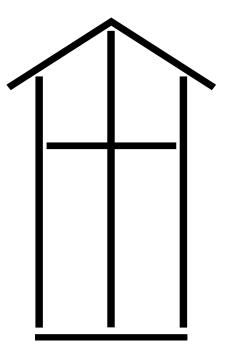
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, Sanctuary, GH

5:30 p.m. V Sunday, November 22

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Congregational Meeting

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving..."
-Amy Carmichael

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# THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 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

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations...From everlasting to everlasting, you are God."

-Psalm 90:1-2

The Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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The Spoken Call to Worship

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe: worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

\*The Litany of Praise

Katy Mayhan

The Lord be with you; Leader: People: And also with you.

Leader: Unto you, O Lord, we lift up our eyes; People: To God, who dwells in the heavens.

Leader: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,

People: So our eyes look to the Lord our God.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord. All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father"

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Katv Mavhan

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 90:1-12 I Thessalonians 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

# CONGREGATIONAL **MEETING**

Sunday, November 22

~ immediately following the worship service ~

Agenda:

Adoption of the 2021 Budget (Details to Follow)

### BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION

For over four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes, also known as "Boarding Homes," are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and a gift. For forty-two consecutive years, Northminster has been delivering gift bags to Boarding Homes residents across our city. This year, we will carry on that important gesture of friendship, but in ways which take into account the

necessary precautions which the pandemic has brought to all of our lives.

Rather than gathering congregationally, as we usually do, to build the bags, the bags will be filled by a team of masked and gloved volunteers. The bags will then be grouped in stacks; each stack with the appropriate number of bags, and a map to the Boarding Home for

which that stack of bags was created.

The delivery, unlike past years when we have gone into the Boarding Homes, often to sing carols and exchange greetings, will be more of a "drop off," with drivers going to their assigned Boarding Home, placing the bags at the door, and calling the Boarding Home contact person to say that the gift bags are at the door.

# We hope that you will participate in this 2020 version of the annual Boarding **Homes Project by:**

- Making a financial contribution to the Boarding Homes Project
- Baking Cookies, and bringing them to the church on Tuesday, December 1 or Wednesday, December 2
- Delivering bags to the Boarding Homes (more on how to volunteer for delivery will be forthcoming)

#### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

# Sunday, November 22

Chapel Coordinators: Jennifer & Christian Byrd Firecrackers: Anna & Andy Frame **Sparklers:** Natalie & Drew Levanway

# MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Wednesday, November 18 Cooks: **Drivers**:

Missy Caver Elizabeth Quinn Rt. 2 Suzanne & Bill Boone

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin

Svlvia Carrawav

# **Brumfield House**

November 19 Annette Hitt

November 26 Mike Peters

# STUDENT NEWS:

# Sunday Nights at the Youth House:

**5:00 - 6:30pm on the deck.** This week, we will be joined by the 4th-6th graders to put together boxes for Advent that will be distributed to Northminster families prior to the beginning of Advent (in just a few weeks!).

### NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

Beginning **today**, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. Due to the uncertainty and protocols around COVID-19, we are providing the angels earlier than usual.

If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to email an angel and information to you. You may also stop by the church to get an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are uncomfortable or unable to do so, but would like to financially adopt an angel.

Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Let's provide Christmas cheer for all of Northminster's angels.

# Monday, December 14, is the last day to bring gifts.

Please contact Megan Mayhan at **601-624-6701** or <u>meganmayhan@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

# Wednesday Night Supper November 18, 5:30 p.m.

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30 for a brief prayer service which will also be livestreamed, after which we will move to the Great Hall to pick up meals which will be in closed containers, which we may then take home, or enjoy at tables with our households, or with friends with whom we have already been in fellowship; all with the same public health protocols and practices we are following on Sundays.

# DRIVE-BY COOKIE PARTY!

Northminster Back Parking Lot Sunday, November 29 ~ 2:30-4:00

Please join us as we celebrate 39+ years at Northminster and prepare for our December move to North Carolina.

Cars are to enter from Eastover Drive and exit onto Ridgewood Road.

We're eager to see your smiling eyes and share a few words as you catch some wrapped cookies in your car!

Gloria and Jim Martin

Advent starts November 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Worship and Music Committee has prepared *The Season of Advent Devotional Guide 2020*.

These worship guides for personal and family worship will be available throughout the church beginning the week of Thanksgiving and a digital copy can be downloaded from the Northminster website during the Advent season.

Please feel free to take copies for your family and friends as needed.

#### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

We need to fall, and we need to see that we have done so. For if we never fall, we should not know how weak and pitiful we are in ourselves. Nor should we fully know the wonderful love of our Maker.

-Blessed Julian of Norwich

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation "The God of Abraham Praise" Page

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Mueller

Pam Wardlaw Steadman, soprano

The Sermon "On Counting the Days" Charles Poole

#### TIME OF RESPONSE

"Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart."
-Psalm 90:12

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 426 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Prelude in Classic Style" Young

\*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for November 15 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Judges 4:1-7 ~ pages 191-192 Psalm 90 ~ pages 476-477 I Thessalonians 5:1-11 ~ pages 960-961 Matthew 25:14-30 ~ page 807

# **CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

#### **CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Matthew Beall and Kristy Bowers Beall on the occasion of their marriage on October 31 at Chapel Dulcinea, Austin, TX.

Ron Scott is recovering after surgery.

# **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Merle DeanSue EdwardsVirginia HamiltonLibby McGeeRobyn ChunnR.W. McCarleyPat WalstonJack CochranRobbie CrossVivian ThompsonMartha CollumNancy HerrinRoxanne AldridgeGorman Schaffer

Roxanne Aldridge Gorman Schaffe Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the Twenty-Fourth Day 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 John England.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.

The Flowers for November are provided by Ann Lauman, Sylvia Carraway, Lida Caraway, Joe D. Rankin, and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captains for November are Keith Davis and Nancy Smith.

Adult Studies: Bible 101 Tonight ~ 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary and Livestream

Eddie Mahaffey leads 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.

# Sunday Night Children's Activities Promotion Night Tonight ~ 5:00 p.m.

Our last night of Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 for the semester will be tonight from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. The children will begin the evening in their current classrooms (from the 2019-2020 school year) and then promote to their new classrooms halfway through the evening. Our first graders will move to the Elementary Atrium and our 4th graders will move to Girls of Grace and Guys 456.

If your child is planning to participate, please email Lesley (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to let her know.