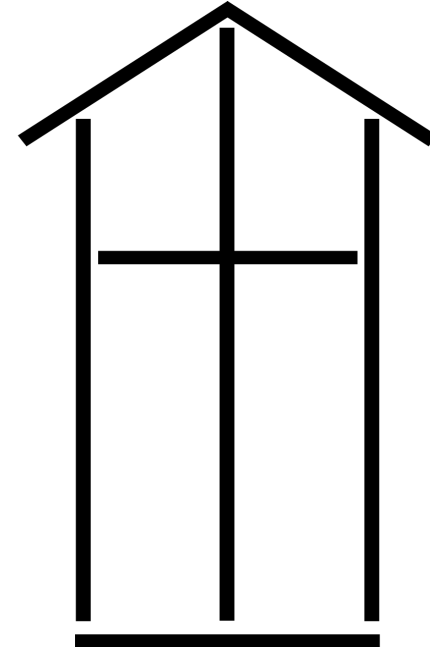


**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

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**

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by doing that some have entertained angels  
without knowing it.”

-Hebrews 13:1

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 22**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Congregational Meeting

**Monday, November 23**

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

**Thursday, November 26**

*Church Office Closed*

**Friday, November 27**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, November 29**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication  
2:30 p.m. Drive By Cookie Party, Northminster  
Back Parking Lot

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**

**Christ the King Sunday**

November 22, 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**

Compassion has a deep evolutionary purpose. When we feel compassion, our heart rate slows down, we secrete the “bonding hormone” oxytocin, and regions of the brain linked to empathy, caregiving, and feelings of pleasure light up, which often results in our wanting to approach and care for other people.

The Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God” Karg-Elert

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 612 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

\*The Litany of Praise Blair Taff

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands.

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come before God’s presence with singing;

**All: Know that the Lord is God.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Blair Taff

**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)

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 29**

**Firecrackers:** Christine & Bryan Bridges

**Sparklers:** Jill & Paul Buckley

**Sunday, December 6**

**Firecrackers:** Morgan & Aaron Samuels

**Sparklers:** Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

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**Brumfield House**

**November 26**

Mike Peters

**December 3**

Bo Allen

**December 10**

Bryan Bridges

**December 17**

Gray Jackson

## NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is 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 and 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 [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## 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*

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*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.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, November 23

### Cooks:

Polly Watkins  
Faye Barham  
Tricia Scott

### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame/Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

May we all softly, quietly and humbly accept that "we" may not all be the sheep. "We" may, on any given day, be the goats. May we accept this, and see the goats in one another, and care just as much.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"We Gather Together"

Wood

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Come, Ye Blessed"  
Farrar Strum, *tenor*

Scott

The Sermon

"Concerning Matthew 25:31-46"

Charles Poole

## TIME OF RESPONSE

"When we are mindful; fully living each moment of our daily lives, we may realize that everyone and everything around us is our home."

-Thich Naht Hanh

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 584 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power—all power—surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Fleischer

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for November 22 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ page 702

Psalm 100 ~ page 481

Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ page 949

Matthew 25:31-46 ~ page 807

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**



Northminster is saddened by the death of Dr. Pat Welsh, an active member of Northminster since 1998. Christian sympathy is extended to his wife, Jean Welsh, their children: Elizabeth Welsh Prestel, Eric Welsh, and Patrick Welsh, and all other family and friends.

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**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

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Christ the King Sunday.** Known also as The Reign of Christ Sunday, this Lord’s Day points to God’s ultimate victory and reign through Jesus Christ. Coming at the close of the Christian year, it also leads immediately into the beginning of the new Christian year, as Advent begins next Sunday. The liturgical color is white, used on occasions which magnify the person and work of Jesus Christ.



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 Jo Ann Ratliff.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Zina Bass.

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.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

**~ immediately following  
the worship service ~**

**Agenda:**

Adoption of the 2021 Budget