

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, November 29**

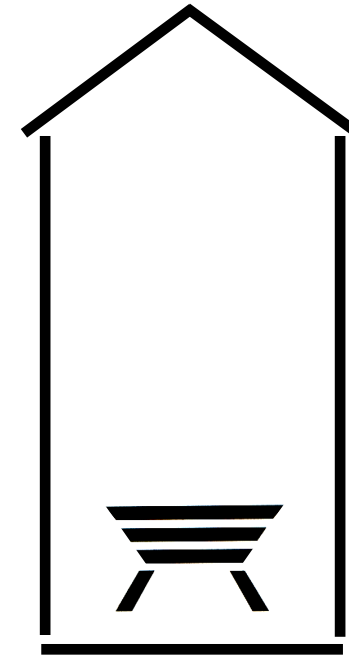
10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication  
 2:30 p.m. Drive By Cookie Party, Northminster  
 Back Parking Lot

**Monday, November 30**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH

**Sunday, December 6**

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



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Our true nature is stillness,  
 The Source from which we come.  
 The deep listening of pure contemplation  
 Is the path to stillness.  
 All words disappear into It,  
 And all creation awakens to the delight of  
 Just Being.

-Thomas Keating, "Stillness"

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
 November 29, 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

Sometimes we are too busy, praying too loudly, asking for so much that we miss God's whisper.

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|-------------|----------------------------------------|------|
| The Prelude | “Veni, Emmanuel”                       | Haan |
| The Introit | “Advent Message”                       | How  |
|             | Shirley Foster, <i>soprano</i>         |      |
|             | Jack McDaniel, <i>baritone</i>         |      |
|             | Cecelia Stearman, <i>mezzo-soprano</i> |      |
|             | JJ Coker, <i>tenor</i>                 |      |

\*The Processional Hymn No. 135 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *HYFRYDOL*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
 from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
 born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring  
 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
 by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

\*The Advent Banner Will Fender

\*The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope Mary Laurel Boykin

\*The Litany of Praise Rose Daniels

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Give ear, O God of Israel;

**People: Restore us, O God.**

Leader: Cause Your face to shine;

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts.**

Leader: Cause Your face to shine;

**All: And we shall be saved.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Rose Daniels

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

**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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**Brumfield House**

**December 3**

Bo Allen

**December 10**

Bryan Bridges

**December 17**

Gray Jackson

**December 24**

Skipper Jernigan

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**POINSETTIA**

A printed list of names will be listed in the order of worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. If you would like to provide a poinsettia as a memorial or honorarium, **please submit names by emailing Leslie Ward ([lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org)).** Forms are also available in the church office. **Please submit all names by Monday, December 7.** The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary later in the month of December. The cost is \$10.00 per poinsettia.

## DRIVE-BY COOKIE PARTY!

Northminster Back Parking Lot  
Today ~ 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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*

## 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** with any questions.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Monday, December 7**

### **Cooks:**

Susan O'Mara  
Becky Wooley  
Wanda Johnson

### **Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 6**

**Firecrackers:** Morgan & Aaron Samuels  
**Sparklers:** Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

**Sunday, December 13**

**Firecrackers:** Natalie & Cy Parks  
**Sparklers:** Colby & Chris Kimmel

## THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Wesley Eugene Watson  
Son of Kyle and Kim Watson

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

**Leader:** We are here today to present Wesley to the church and to dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

**Parents:** ***We, his parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.***

**Leader:** What can we affirm about this child?

**People:** **That he is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

**Leader:** What will this child be told about his faith history?

**People:** **He will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

**Leader:** Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with him regularly, teach him to pray and lead him into a loving relationship with God?

**Parents:** ***We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.***

**Leader:** Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

**People:** **Yes, we too, will share in his growth, for he belongs to us as well.**

**Leader:** We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

**People:** **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

**Leader:** Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Charles Poole

The Lessons

Isaiah 64:1-9  
I Corinthians 1:3-9

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"Forgiveness, it seems, cannot be forced. When we are brave enough to open our hearts, however, forgiveness will emerge."

-Pema Chodron, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Divinum Mysterium"

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Charles Poole

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"  
Cecelia Stearman, *mezzo-soprano*

Larkin

The Sermon

"It's a Great Year for Advent"

Charles Poole

## TIME OF RESPONSE

May all sentient beings enjoy happiness and the root of happiness.  
May they be free of suffering and the root of suffering.  
May they not be separated from the great happiness devoid of suffering.  
May they dwell in the great equanimity free from passion, aggression and prejudice.

-The Four Limitless Ones Chant

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 271 "Christ Is Coming!" *CWM RHONDDA*

Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;  
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!  
(Prince of Peace!) Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

We can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;  
we shall yet behold your glory in your coming back to reign;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.  
(sing the strain.) Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that "blessed hope" before us, let now harp remain unstrung;  
let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!  
(quickly come!) Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Manz

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for November 29 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**


Isaiah 64:1-9 ~ page 606  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ~ pages 470-471  
I Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ page 926  
Mark 13:24-37 ~ page 826

### **Musician for today:**

Ausra Jasineviciute, *viola*

## **CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

### **CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Dr. Tom Turner, an active member of Northminster since 1979. Christian sympathy is extended to his wife, Charlotte, and all of his loved ones and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lloyd and Jain Bourne on the birth of their son, Andrew Lloyd Bourne. Anders is also welcomed by Bo, Polly, Knowlton and Davis Bourne.

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 the First Sunday of Advent**, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. The color purple reflects the Advent themes of confession and repentance as we "prepare the way of the Lord."

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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 Kirk Sims.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Chair for December is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for December are the Co-Chairs.

The Caregiver of the Week is Holly Wiggs.

The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.

The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.

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

The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.

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

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### ***Advent starts today.***

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

These worship guides for personal and family worship are available throughout the church 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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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Andrew Lloyd Bourne. The proud parents are Lloyd and Jain Bourne.