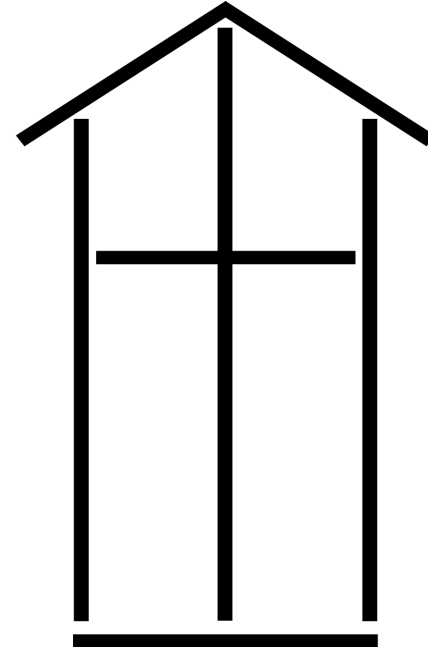


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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

“In this dark space of the year, the earth turns again toward the sun, or we would like to hope so.”

-Margaret Atwood

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 8**

Children return from retreat  
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, Deck at Youth House  
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Livestream  
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Sanctuary

**Monday, November 9**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, GH

**Wednesday, November 11**

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

**Friday, November 13**

6:00 p.m. Youth Retreat, Northminster

**Saturday, November 14**

10:00 a.m. Youth Retreat, Northside in Clinton

**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  
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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
November 8, 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

“Seek justice, and the promise of the day of the Lord is a gift from God. As we seek to make a difference, the day of the Lord is a vision of the day when God will set everything right.”

-Carl Crouse

The Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God” Pethel

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 317 *OLD HUNDREDTH*

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

\*The Litany of Praise Amy Finkelberg

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I will open my mouth in a parable, and utter dark sayings of old.

**People: We will not hide the truth from our children.**

Leader: We will show to the generations to come the praises of the Lord;

**All: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Amy Finkelberg

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, November 18**

**Cooks:**

Missy Caver  
Elizabeth Quinn  
Sylvia Carraway

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Suzanne & Bill Boone

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Brumfield House

November 12

Jimmy Allen

November 19

Annette Hitt

November 26

Mike Peters

December 3

Bo Allen

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House:

Join us this Sunday as we welcome special guest Stephanie Rolph. We will all gather at 5:00 on the deck for dinner and then head into the Great Hall at 5:30.

Fall Retreat: (UPDATE) November 13 - 15

Friday: 6:00 - 8:30pm at Northminster

Saturday: 10:00am - 8:30pm at Northside in Clinton

Sunday: 9:00am-1:00pm at Northminster

Cost: free

Email major@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

Beginning **Sunday, November 15**, 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. 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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 15

Chapel Coordinators: Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

Firecrackers: Lorraine & Smith Boykin

Sparklers: Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

Sunday, November 22

Chapel Coordinators: Jennifer & Christian Byrd

Firecrackers: Anna & Andy Frame

Sparklers: Natalie & Drew Levanway

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

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

The Lessons

Amos 5:18-24
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot...just pay attention...a few words together, and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but a doorway....and a silence in which another voice may speak."

-Praying by Mary Oliver

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Trotter

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Give Me a Faith"

Bitgood

Shirley Foster, *soprano*

The Sermon

"Concerning Justice and Righteousness"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

*Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease,
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.*

-Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM RHONDDA*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty—hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
(want no more,) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
(strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
(give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

Fanfare on “ Agincourt Hymn”

Callahan

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for November 8 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Amos 5:18-24 ~ page 747
- Psalm 78:1-7 ~ page 468
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18 ~ page 960
- Matthew 25:1-13 ~ pages 806-807

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Brenda and Randy Smith on the death of Brenda’s aunt, Nell Stanley.

Ron Scott is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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| 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 Twenty-Third 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.

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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 Gayla Purvis.
- 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.

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Adult Studies: Bible 101

Tonight & November 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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**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.