



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Christ was created of a Mother whom Christ created, carried by hands that Christ formed. Christ cried in a manger in wordless infancy; the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.”

-St. Augustine of Hippo, *adapted*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The First Sunday of Christmastide

December 27, 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

“Without the holy night, there is no theology.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God is in the Manger*

The Prelude “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Manz

The Spoken Call to Worship

Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 157 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” *IN DULCI JUBILO*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*The Christmas Banner

Meili Grace Clark

*The Litany of Praise

Eddie Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us all praise the name of the Lord,

People: For the name of the Lord alone is exalted.

Leader: God’s splendor is above the earth and the heavens,

**People: And God has raised up for the people of God a horn, the
praise of all the faithful Servants of Israel, the people close
to the heart of the Lord.**

All: Praise the Lord!

-Psalm 148

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Eddie Mahaffey

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
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Charles Poole
Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon



THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, December 27

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream

Monday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Thursday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Reflection and Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 3

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream

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New Year's Eve
Reflection and Communion ~ Thursday, December 31
6:00–7:00 p.m. ~ in the Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open for one hour on New Year's Eve
for a time of quiet reflection and guided meditation.
Communion will be served to those who wish to partake.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, December 28**

**Cooks:** Ann Vickery  
Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan  
**Drivers:** Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay & Jimmy Allen

**Monday, January 4**

**Cooks:** Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb  
**Drivers:** Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Fields & Janet Holt

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Brumfield House

December 31

Jeff Wilson
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The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we  
may be able to do them.”

-St. Augustine of Hippo

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Manz

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”  
Suzy Haynes, *soprano*

Larkin

The Sermon

“Concerning 2020”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so  
the sovereign Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations.”

-Isaiah 61:11

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 78 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away,  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Swiss Noël”

Daquin

\**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for December 27 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ~ page 604
- Psalm 148 ~ page 508
- Galatians 4:4-7~ page 947
- Luke 2:22-40 ~ page 833

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Billy and Annette Trotter on the death of Billy's brother, James Trotter.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Skipper and Judy Jernigan on the death of their niece, Stephanie Coughlin.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mims and Kelsey McLennan on the birth of their son, Alexander Devere McLennan. Anders is also welcomed by Lawana and Devere McLennan, and Josh and Kelly Guyton.

Daron Wilson is recovering after surgery.

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**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 First Sunday of Christmastide**, a twelve-day celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the incarnation of God in the life of Christ. The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.

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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 Paul Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for December is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for December are the Co-Chairs.

The Caregiving Coordinators for January are Susan O'Mara and Susie Friou.

The Caregivers of the Week are Annette Hitt and Faye Barham.

The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.

The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.

The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.

The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.

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

The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Alexander Devere McLennan. The proud parents are Mims and Kelsey McLennan.