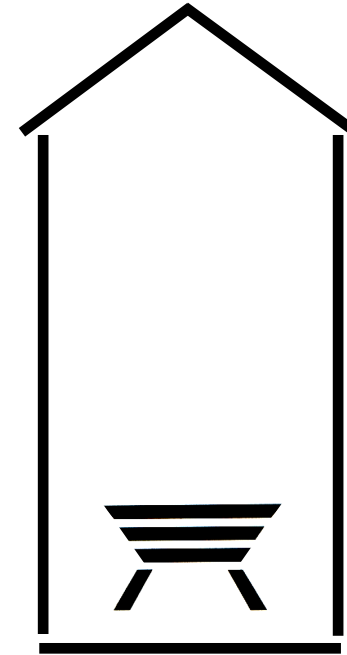


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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, December 6**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, YH

**Monday, December 7**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Sunday, December 13**

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens for Worship  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Lessons and Carols

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“And that is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly.... God chooses people as God’s instruments and performs wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; God loves the lost, the neglected, and the unseemly, the excluded, weak and broken.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *adapted*

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
 December 6, 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

“Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.”

-Thomas Merton

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| The Prelude | “O Jesulein Suss”<br>Ken Graves, <i>clarinet</i>                                                                                           | Sclater |
| The Introit | “Advent Message”<br>Shirley Foster, <i>soprano</i><br>Jack McDaniel, <i>baritone</i><br>Paz Naccari, <i>alto</i><br>JJ Coker, <i>tenor</i> | How     |

\*The Processional Hymn No. 133 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *VENI EMMANUEL*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
 from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave.

*Refrain:*

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
 and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

*Refrain:*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

*Refrain:*

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven’s peace.

\*The Advent Banner Anna Mitchell Peters

\*The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace Slates Veazey

\*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Boone

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: You, Lord, showed favor to your land;

**People: You restored the fortune of Jacob.**

Leader: You forgave the iniquity of your people, and covered all their sins;

**People: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.**

**All: Restore us again, God our Savior.**

-Psalm 40:1-4a

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

**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

**Wednesday, December 16**

**Cooks:**

Rose Mary Porter  
 Shirley Geary  
 Jan Stewart

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 TBD  
 Rt. 2 Brooks & Thomas Elfert

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CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 20

Firecrackers: Dabbs & Jeffery Massey
Sparklers: Lisa & Farrar Strum

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**Brumfield House**

**December 10**

Bryan Bridges

**December 17**

Gray Jackson

**December 24**

Skipper Jernigan

**December 31**

Jeff Wilson

## **STUDENT NEWS:**

### **Youth House Christmas Party:**

**Tonight, 5:00 p.m.** Throw on your ugliest Christmas Sweater and come to the church for a festive gathering complete with Christmas treats and a Dirty Santa gift exchange. (Please bring a wrapped gift that costs less than \$10.)

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NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community.

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.

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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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POINSETTIAS

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).** 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.

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### **Coffee for Salt and Light**

If you are interested in Honduras coffee this year, please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590. The coffee is \$10 per bag. You can make checks payable to Salt and Light Ministry or pay cash.

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Suzanne Boone

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 40:1-11  
II Peter 3:8-15a

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

### **CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of their troubles.”

-Psalm 34:17

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”  
Ken Graves, *clarinet*

Slater

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Mary's Lullaby”  
Shirley Foster, *soprano*

Reger

The Sermon

“Gathered and Carried”

Charles Poole

### **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table

Charles Poole

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread into open hands. After having received it, worshippers will return by the outside aisle, be seated, and each eat the bread.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Receive the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God incarnate.”

-Pope Francis, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 768 “I Come with Joy” *DOVE OF PEACE*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise,  
we’ll live and speak his praise.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” Manz

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for December 6 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Isaiah 40:1-11 ~ pages 581-582
- Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 ~ page 473
- II Peter 3:8-15a ~ pages 988-989
- Mark 1:1-8 ~ page 812

**Musician for today:**  
Ken Graves, *clarinet*

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Paul and Vanessa Watson on the death of Paul’s mother, Sue Stock, and also to all of her family and friends.

**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 Second 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 Amy Finkelberg.
The Caregiving Chair for December is Faye Barham.
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are the Co-Chairs.
The Caregivers of the Week are Steve and Melissa Godbold.
The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.
The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captains for December are Keith Davis and Nancy Smith.

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**Communion and Children**

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.