

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, January 3**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream

**Monday, January 4**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom

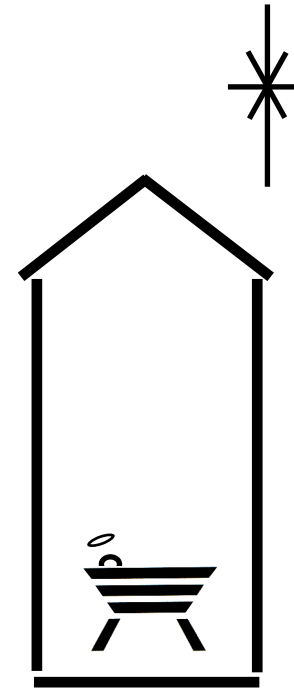
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Saturday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Deacons' Retreat, GH

**Sunday, January 10**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Deacon Installation, Livestream



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the God head see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity;  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel,  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!

-Charles Wesley, 1739

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Christmastide**  
January 3, 2021  
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

Lord, we bring our gift of worship.  
Touch our lips, and fire our hearts,  
Teach our minds and train our senses,  
Fit us for this sacred art.  
Then with skill and consecration,  
We would serve You, Lord, and give,  
All our powers to glorify You, and in serving, fully live.  
-Albert F. Bayley

The Prelude "As with Gladness Men of Old" Burkhardt

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 174 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" *REGENT SQUARE*

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Refrain:**

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new born King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:

**Refrain:**

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of Nations,  
ye have seen his natal star:

**Refrain:**

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear.

**Refrain:**

Though an infant now we view him  
he will share his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him,  
every knee shall then bow down.

**Refrain:**

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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 Second 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 Crisler Boone.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.

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

The Caregivers of the Week are Susan O'Mara and Susie Friou.

The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.

The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.

The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, January 4**

**Cooks:**

Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Gloria Montgomery & Beverly Raddin  
Rt. 2 Marianna Fields & Janet Holt

**Wednesday, January 20**

**Cooks:**

Jo Ann Welch  
Carolyn McIntyre  
Shari Culver

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg  
Rt. 2 Susie Friou & Kurt Metzner

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Brumfield House

January 7

Joe Sims

January 14

Chuck Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“The fact of Jesus’ coming is the final and unanswerable proof that God cares.”

-William Barclay

*The Recessional Hymn No. 167 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *PICARDY*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!”

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for January 3 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 31:7-14 ~ page 641
Psalm 147:12-20 ~ pages 507-508
Ephesians 1:3-14 ~ page 949
John 1:(1-9) 10-18 ~ page 862

Musician for today:

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

*The Christmas Banner Will Fender

*The Litany of Praise Richard Joiner

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: It is good to sing praises to our God!

**People: For God gathers the outcasts,
And heals the brokenhearted.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength;

People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Leader: God covers the heavens with clouds,
Provides rain for the earth,
And makes the grass grow on the mountainside.

**All: The Lord cares for God’s creation,
And provides hope for those who worship our God.
Blessed be the God of all creation!**

-Psalm 146, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Richard Joiner

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Although we may slip, slide, and miss the mark countless times,

Know, Lord, that we want to live like Jesus!

Allow the living, speaking, incarnate Christ

To be reborn in us...every day!

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation “O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby” Douglas

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 1:1-18 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Jack McDaniel, *baritone*

Traditional Spiritual

The Sermon

“Concerning the Meaning of the Incarnation”

Charles Poole