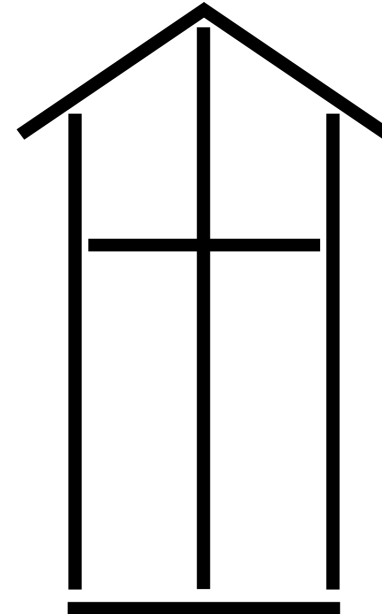


**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

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, February 28**

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| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                                                      |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service/Baby Dedication                                           |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Guys' Scavenger Hunt, Playground                                          |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>Preschool through 2nd Grade, Zoom |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>7th-9th Grade, GH                    |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream                                     |
| 5:45 p.m.  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>3rd through 6th Grade, Zoom       |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>10th-12th Grade, GH                  |

**Monday, March 1**

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

**Wednesday, March 3**

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| 4:30 p.m. | Preschool Play Date, Playground |
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**Saturday, March 6**

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| 9:30 a.m. | Youth Cook for Stewpot, Great Hall |
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**Sunday, March 7**

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| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                                                      |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service                                                           |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Girls' Game Day, Northminster Backyard                                    |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>Preschool through 2nd Grade, Zoom |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>7th-9th Grade, GH                    |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream                                     |
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“You do not have in mind the concerns  
of God, but merely human concerns.”

-Mark 8:33

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
February 28, 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

Since, then you have been raised with Christ,  
set your hearts on things above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.  
For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ, who is your life, appears,  
then you also will appear with him in glory.

- Colossians 3:1-4

The Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Bobo

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Mary Laurel Boykin

\*The Processional Hymn No. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

\*The Litany of Praise Linda McGehee

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: For thoughts that curve like winging birds out of the summer  
dusk each time we drink the splendor of the sky and touch the  
wood—winds swinging by; we yield Thee praise.

**People: For hopes that fight like stubborn grass up through the  
clinging snows of fear to find the rich earth richer still with  
kindliness and honest will;**

**All: We yield Thee praise.**

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

**Support our Adopt-A-School**

Spann School will be hosting a fundraiser at Raising Canes  
on Monday, March 1, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

You can use the drive-thru or carry out.

Mention the fundraiser and 15% of sales will go to support Spann School.

Enjoy some chicken and support our Adopt-A-School!

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, March 1**

**Cooks:**

Becky Wooley  
Wanda Johnson  
Susan O'Mara

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin & Luke Dove  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

**Wednesday, March 17**

**Cooks:**

Elizabeth Quinn  
Sylvia Carraway  
Cathy Davis

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence  
Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson &  
Monica Daniels

**Monday, March 22**

**Cooks:**

Gail Poole  
Lawanna McLennan  
Ann Vickery

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

**Brumfield House**

**March 4**

Jeff Wilson

**March 11**

Josh Poole

**March 18**

Rebecca Wiggs

**March 25**

Mike Peters

## STUDENT NEWS:

### Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, Great Hall

7th-9th grade, 5:00-6:30 p.m.; 10th-12th grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for good fellowship, good food, and good fun.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together. Due to limitations at Stewpot, this event will be limited to ten students. Email Major ([major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)) to sign up.

### **Passport: June 12-18**

A wonderful week like no other. Sign-ups coming soon.

### **Mystery Trip: July 15-23**

Sign ups coming soon.

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**Guys' Scavenger Hunt**

**Today ~ 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

First through 6<sup>th</sup> grade guys are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and a snack.

We'll meet at the Northminster playground to start the hunt!

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**Sunday Night Children's Zoom**

**Tonight and March 7**

**Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley Ratcliff for the Zoom link.

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**Adult Studies Tonight**

**Bible 101 with Dr. Roger Greene**

Sundays, through March 7

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

You may join us in the Sanctuary or watch on the livestream.

Dr. Greene will lead us through a deeper study of Ephesians.

We hope that you will join us for this wonderful opportunity for study!

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**Preschool Play Date**

**Wednesday, March 3**

**4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Join us on the Northminster Playground for some fun!

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**Girls' Game Day**

**Sunday, March 7**

**3:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

First through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to join us for games and a snack in Northminster's backyard!

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father"

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Linda McGehee

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

## **THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

William Andrew Byrd

Son of Christian and Jennifer Byrd

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Wills 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

Genesis 17:1-7

Romans 4:13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Lord God. Forgive all the evil I've done.

Mold me into a closer vision of who you sent me to become. Amen.

-L.R.M.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Wood

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38 Charles Poole

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

The Anthem "Let the Truth Shine in Our Speaking" Coker  
Cheryl Coker, soprano

The Sermon "On Letting Jesus Be Jesus" Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

You shall cry, and God will say, "HERE I AM."  
-Isaiah 6

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 190 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"  
ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR

Songs of Thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar:  
Branch of Royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme,  
once revealed in power divine changing water into wine:  
Cana's holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed in valiant fight, conquering the devil's might,  
sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed:  
once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;  
Christ will then like lightening shine, all will see the glorious sign:  
all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major" Bach

\*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for February 28 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ~ page 11
- Psalms 22:23-31 ~ page 435
- Romans 4:13-25 ~ page 916
- Mark 8:31-38 ~ page 820

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Thomas Elfert is hospitalized at Baptist.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Merle Dean Sue Edwards Robyn Chunn  
Libby McGee Nancy Herrin Virginia Hamilton  
Pat Walston Jack Cochran R.W. McCarley  
Vivian Thompson Martha Collum Robbie Cross  
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 in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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 Jo Ann Ratliff.
- The Caregiving Chair for February is Faye Barham.
- The Caregiving Chair for March is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Ann Lauman and Nancy Bourn.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Sheila Nicholas.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Elizabeth Boone and Brooks Elfert.
- The Liturgist for February is Linda McGehee.
- The Liturgist for March is Monica Daniels.
- The Flowers for February are provided by Sylvia Carraway and Susan Burnham.
- The Flowers for March are provided by Kathryn Davis.
- The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.
- The Usher Captain for March is Sylvia Carraway.

In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.  
The Northminster Flower Committee