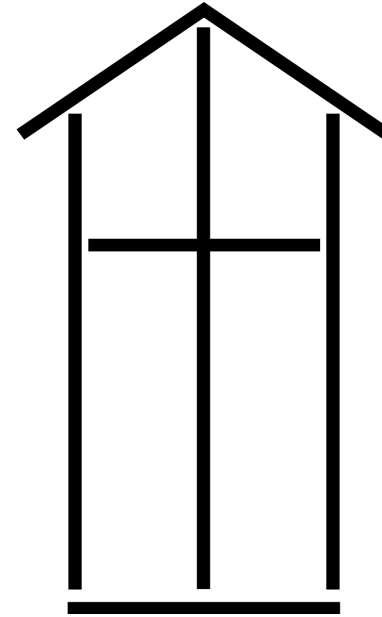


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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 7**

***Bidding Begins-Youth Dessert Auction***

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Girls' Scavenger Hunt, Northminster Playground  
4:00 p.m. Super Bowl Pep Rally, Youth House Deck  
4:30 p.m. Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,  
Preschool through 2nd Grade, Zoom  
5:45 p.m. Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,  
3rd through 6th Grade, Zoom

**Monday, February 8**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom

**Sunday, February 14**

8:00 a.m. ***Bidding Ends-Youth Dessert Auction***  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Sunday Nights at the Youth House,  
7th-9th Grade, GH  
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Livestream  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights at the Youth House,  
10th-12th Grade, GH

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.”

-Isaiah 40:31

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**  
February 7, 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

One blessing of fear is that it comes to us in the nighttime of the soul to tell us to rise to new selves in fresh and exciting ways; for our sake, of course, but for the sake of the rest of the world, as well.

*-The Gift of Years, Joan Chittister*

The Prelude "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

\*The Processional 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 Litany of Praise Caroline Crisler

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us.

**People: O Breath of Love, come breathe within us.**

**ALL: Fill our lives with love, O Spirit of the living God.**

*-"Spirit Of the Living God", adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Caroline Crisler

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 40:21-31  
I Corinthians 9:16-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Studies**  
**Bible 101 with Dr. Roger Greene**  
Sundays, February 14-28  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Adult Studies will be livestreamed from the Sanctuary.

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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The Northminster Directory

Do you need to change your picture, address or other directory information?

Do you need an updated digital Northminster Directory?

Email Neely or Jan in the church office
(neely@northminsterbaptist.org or jan@northminsterbaptist.org).

We will update your listing and add you to the list to
receive an updated digital directory a few times a year.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**Wednesday, February 17**

**Cooks:**

Missy Caver  
Judy Rankin  
Sara Hays

**Drivers:**

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

**Monday, February 22**

**Cooks:**

Jean Welsh  
Tricia Scott  
Polly Watkins

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

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Brumfield House

February 11

Jimmy Allen

February 18

Ginger Parham

February 25

Bryan Bridges

March 4

Jeff Wilson

STUDENT NEWS:

Super Bowl Pre-Game Pep Rally: Tonight, 4:00-5:00 p.m., come for some games and snacks to get ready for the big game.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House: February 14
7th-9th grade, 5:00-6:30pm; 10th-12th grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

Dessert Auction: Sunday, February 7 - Sunday February 14

www.myminiauction.com/DessertAuction2021

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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**Youth Dessert Auction**

**Sunday, February 7 – Sunday February 14**

www.myminiauction.com/DessertAuction2021

Looking for a special dessert or culinary treat to satisfy your sweet tooth? Want to find a way to support the Youth of Northminster? This is your opportunity to do both!

The bidding has begun, and will continue until 8:00am on Sunday, February 14. Desserts will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 14, after the worship service until 2:00pm (arrangements will be made to deliver desserts that cannot be collected by 2pm).

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Girls' Scavenger Hunt

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

First through 6th grade girls 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**

The children will be meeting via Zoom for fellowship and Bible study tonight.

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

Sunday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

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

Sunday from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley Ratcliff for the Zoom link.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Father, hear the prayer we offer;  
Not for ease,  
But for strength, that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Charles Poole

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

The Anthem

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
Amanda Milam, *soprano*

Hopson

The Sermon

“New Strength for Each New Day”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
The Lord will not grow tired or weary,  
God's understanding no one can fathom.  
The Lord gives strength to the weary,  
and increases the power of the weak.

-Isaiah 40:28-29

The Recessional Hymn No. 669 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*CWM RHONDDA*

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for February 7 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Isaiah 40:21-31 ~ pages 582-583
- Psalms 147:1-11, 20c ~ pages 507-508
- I Corinthians 9:16-23 ~ page 931
- Mark 1:29-31 ~ page 813

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Richard and Marilyn Joiner, on the death of Richard's brother-in-law, Ray Lang.

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.** Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

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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 Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Ann Lauman and Nancy Bourn.

The Caregivers of the Week are Ann Lauman and Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for February is Linda McGehee.

The Flowers for February are provided by Sylvia Carraway and Susan Burnham.

The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.

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**A Lenten Gift**

The Worship Committee has prepared the annual Lenten Guide, "A Lenten Journey," for use in the daily worship and meditations of our Northminster congregation and friends. Based on scriptures drawn from the Daily Lectionary, "A Lenten Journey" will provide daily thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 17.

The Guide in booklet form will be available in the Church Office, in the foyer outside the Office, in the Church Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as gathering areas outside the Sanctuary. It will also be available by a link on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.