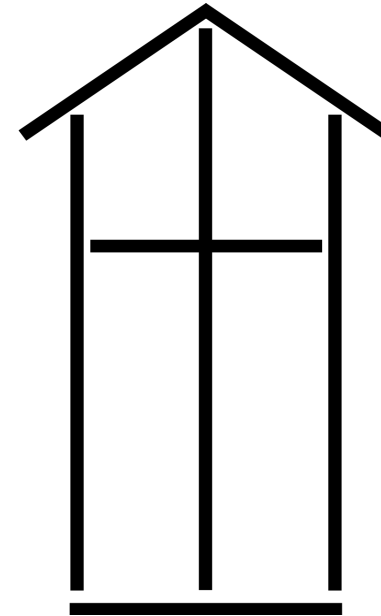


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Every year is one year later for all of us. Our footprints and heart prints will look different when we turn around, but the days passed just the same, and yet not at all the same. And here we are *one year later...*

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, March 14</b>    | Worship Service                             |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                        |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | Worship Service/Baby Dedication             |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Sunday Nights at the Youth House, GH        |
| 5:00 p.m.                  |                                             |
| <b>Monday, March 15</b>    |                                             |
| 7:00 a.m.                  | Men on First and Third, GH                  |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Caregiving Committee, Zoom                  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 16</b>   |                                             |
| 4:30 p.m.                  | Cancer Support, Courtyard                   |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Building Maintenance Committee, GH          |
| 7:00 p.m.                  | Youth Campfire at Major and Karen's         |
| <b>Wednesday, March 17</b> |                                             |
| 9:30 a.m.                  | Youth Service Day and Lunch at Northminster |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | Meals on Wheels                             |
| <b>Thursday, March 18</b>  |                                             |
| 7:00 p.m.                  | Youth Movie Night, Cinemark, Pearl          |
| <b>Friday, March 19</b>    |                                             |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Youth Safari and Lunch, McClain Lodge       |
| <b>Sunday, March 21</b>    |                                             |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Worship Service                             |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                        |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service                             |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House, GH        |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456         |
| 6:45 p.m.                  | Deacons' Meeting, GH                        |

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
March 14, 2021  
Eight-thirty o'clock  
\*\*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

Let us inhale as we pray: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God.  
Let us exhale as we pray: Have mercy on us.  
Let us prepare for worship together.

The Prelude "My Heart Abounds with Pleasure" Brahms

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Anna Mitchell Peters

\*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *ELLACOMBE*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;  
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.  
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

\*The Litany of Praise Jack McDaniel

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**People: The mercy of the Lord endures forever.**

Leader: Oh, that all would give thanks to the Lord for the goodness  
of the Lord;

**All: And for God's wonderful works to us all.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Jack McDaniel

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out the information form inside the bulletin and drop off at the church office or e-mail, [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org).

The names will be listed in the order of worship on Easter Sunday, April 4.  
(The cost, per lily, is \$10. **Please submit all names by Monday, March 22.**)

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Nursery Re-opening

On Sunday, February 28, childcare during the worship service began again for infants through kindergartners. We resumed the same precautions we observed when we last welcomed our children downstairs, including masks for children old enough to wear one. If you would like to bring your child to the nursery, please contact the office or Lesley Ratcliff (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to make a reservation.

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**Brumfield House**

**March 18**

Rebecca Wiggs

**March 25**

Mike Peters

**April 1**

Chuck Poole

**April 8**

Joe Sims

**April 15**

Amy Finkelberg

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, March 17

Cooks:

Elizabeth Quinn
Sylvia Carraway
Cathy Davis

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Rt. 2 Monica Daniels &
Nancy Smith

Monday, March 22

Cooks:

Gail Poole
Lawanna McLennan
Ann Vickery

Drivers:

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

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, Great Hall, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer, and fellowship.

Spring Break:

Tuesday, March 16, 7-9 p.m.: Campfire at Major and Karen's

Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Service Day and lunch at Northminster

Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.: Movie night at Cinemark in Pearl

Friday, March 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Safari and lunch at McClain Lodge

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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## **Adult Studies**

Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.

March 28 and April 11, 18 and 25

After a year of struggling to connect in many of the ways that were familiar to us, the Adult Ministries committee is providing this offering as a way of re-connecting with our family of faith in Adult Studies.

Each week, we'll consider a different question. Each session will include time for a member of our Family of Faith to answer the week's question for all of us, a brief explanation of the question, and small group exploration of the question. You can join via Zoom or in-person in the Sanctuary.

On March 28, we will explore the question "Who was there?" and you will be invited to share your answer in a small discussion group. If you'd like to think about your answer ahead of time, think about the people in your life who are hovering in your most important stories, and choose one or two to share about over a few minutes time.

We hope you'll join us for this Adult Studies series!

If you have questions or would like the Zoom link, please contact Lesley Ratcliff at 601.982.4703 or [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)

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Sunday Night Children's Activities

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

March 21 and 28, April 11, 18 and 25, and May 2

Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 will return in-person on March 21!

We will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and childcare will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for any children whose grown-ups are participating in Adult Studies. We will not serve supper.

If your child would like to participate, please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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

Grayce Thames
Daughter of Matt and Amy Thames

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Grayce to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: *We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.*

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: **That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

People: **She 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 her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her 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 her growth, for she 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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"We must always correspond to the grace of God to the best of our ability, not through fear of sin, but from a sentiment of love..."

-Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Wood

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel John 3:14-21 Charles Poole

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

The Anthem "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Fedak
Jack Edwards, *bass*

The Sermon "One Year Later" Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and that is not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
not of works, lest anyone should boast...
-Ephesians 2:8-9

*The Recessional Hymn No. 747 "Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest: lead on, O God of might.

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "See the Lord of Life and Light" Bach

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for March 14 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Numbers 21:4-9 ~ page 122
- Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 ~ page 487
- Ephesians 2:1-10 ~ pages 949-950
- John 3:14-21 ~ page 864

** *Ten-thirty o'clock service*

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Brock and Lora Maples on the birth of their son, Mack Murray Maples. Mack is also welcomed by Helen, Tate, and Betty Maples, Dr. Mike Maples, Dr. Nathan Maples, and Jeff, Mary Ellen, Dudley, Ellen Ruth and Dan Stancill.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Nora and Tam Ethridge, on the death of Nora's brother, Jimmy Reagan.

Cheryl Coker is recovering after surgery.

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 Fourth 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 Amy Finkelberg.
- The Caregiving Chair for March is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Sheila Nicholas.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Jann Puckett and Rebecca Starling.
- The Liturgist for March is Monica Daniels.
- The Flowers for March are provided by Kathryn Davis.
- The Usher Captain for March is Matt Kelly.



*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*