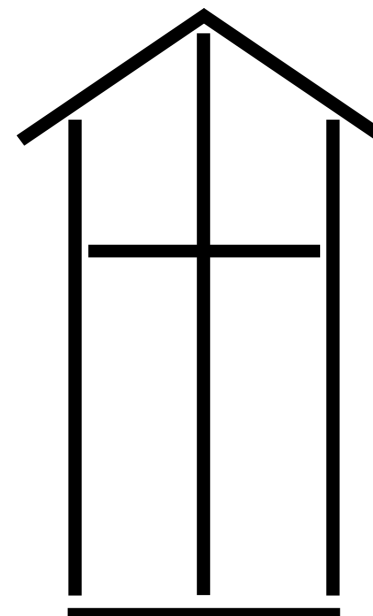


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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

“Holiness is not a luxury for the few; it is not just for some people. It is meant for you and for me and for all of us. It is a simple duty, because if we learn to love, we learn to be holy.”

-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

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| <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                 |
| <b>Monday, March 22</b> |                                      |
| 8:30 a.m.               | Caregiving Committee, Zoom           |
| 10:00 a.m.              | Meals on Wheels                      |
| 5:30 p.m.               | Wider Net Committee, GH              |
| <b>Sunday, March 28</b> |                                      |
| 8:30 a.m.               | Worship Service                      |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Mentor Kickoff                       |
| 10:00 a.m.              | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                 |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Worship Service                      |
| 11:30 a.m.              | Mentor Lunch, GH                     |
| 5:00 p.m.               | Sunday Nights at the Youth House, GH |
| 5:00 p.m.               | Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456  |
| 5:30 p.m.               | Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Zoom    |

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
March 21, 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

*Dear Lord, lest we all be somewhere else, patch this work. Quilt us together, feather-stitching piece by piece our tag-ends of living, our scraps of love....*

-Crazy Quilt, Jane Wilson Joyce

The Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall" Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Celia Stribling

\*The Processional Hymn No. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\*The Litany of Praise Bailey Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God;

**People: According to your loving kindness.**

Leader: According to the multitude of your tender mercies,

**All: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold us by your generous Spirit.**

**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 25**

Mike Peters

**April 1**

Chuck Poole

**April 8**

Joe Sims

**April 15**

Amy Finkelberg

**April 22**

Tom Starling

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, March 22

Cooks:

Gail Poole
Lawanna McLennan
Ann Vickery

Drivers:

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

Monday, April 5

Cooks:

Lisa Cobb
Annette Hitt
Kandy Sims

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

Wednesday, April 21

Cooks:

Shirley Geary
Jan Stewart
Rose Mary Porter

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames
Rt. 2 Brooks & Thomas Elfert

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.

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.
Tonight and March 28, April 11, 18 and 25, and May 2

Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 will return in-person tonight!

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Bailey Blount

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"No more shall everyone teach their neighbor, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more..."

-Jeremiah 31:34

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"Ah, Jesus, Dear"

Brahms

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem

"O Love Divine"

Zaninelli

Gwen Anderson, *soprano*

The Sermon

"Heart Writing"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

"It is never too late to come home when God is holding the door. God loves us. If we cast ourselves upon that truth, we can be at home with God, and even with ourselves."

-*The Tug of Home*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 212 "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDRIOUS LOVE*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" Bach

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for March 21 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ page 642
- Psalm 51:1-12 ~ page 452
- Hebrews 5:5-10 ~ page 973
- John 12:20-33 ~ page 875

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel and Cortney Greer on the birth of their son, Jesse Anderson Greer.

Stephen Oakes is recovering after surgery.

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 Fifth 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.

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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 Kirk Sims.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregivers of the Week are Emily Smith and Annette Hitt.

The Liturgist for March is Monica Daniels.

The Flowers for March are provided by Kathryn Davis and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captains for March are Nancy Smith and Sylvia Carraway.

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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

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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Jesse Anderson Greer. The proud parents are Daniel and Cortney Greer.