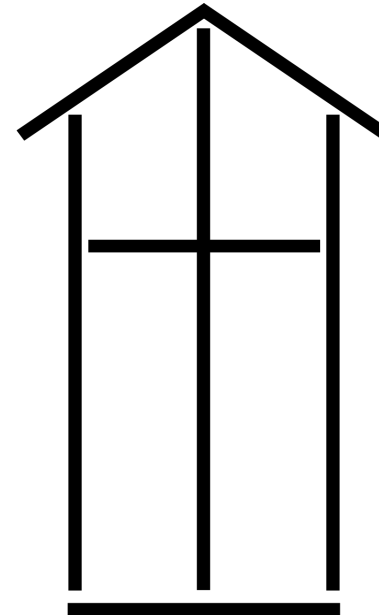


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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.

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| 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**

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| <b>Sunday, March 7</b>     |                                                                           |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Worship Service                                                           |
| 10:00 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, GH                                      |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream                                     |
| 5:45 p.m.                  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>3rd through 6th Grade, Zoom       |
| <b>Monday, March 8</b>     |                                                                           |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Caregiving Committee, Zoom                                                |
| <b>Tuesday, March 9</b>    |                                                                           |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Deacon Nominating Committee, GH                                           |
| <b>Wednesday, March 10</b> |                                                                           |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Finance Committee, GH                                                     |
| <b>Sunday, March 14</b>    |                                                                           |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Worship Service                                                           |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | <b>Nursery Opens</b>                                                      |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service/Baby Dedication                                           |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House, GH                                      |

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.  
Go down, Moses,  
way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh  
to let my people go!

-Hymn, Go Down Moses

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
March 7, 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

Instead of measuring your difficulties with your strength, you must measure them with the powerful help you have a right to expect from God.

-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

The Prelude "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach

The Call to Worship "Drop, Drop Slow Tears" Gibbons

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,  
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Parkes Denton

\*The Processional Hymn No. 328 *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*  
"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

God's holy ways are just and true, his promises are ever new,  
O praise him, alleluia! Let every heart with praises sing  
and make this house with voices ring:

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind his grace and love, our needs provided from above;

O praise him, alleluia! He kept his word and Jesus came

to make a people for his name;

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again his deeds of old, the story of our mighty God,

O praise him alleluia! For all his glorious works and ways

we shall rejoice through endless days;

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*The Litany of Praise Monica Daniels

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.

**People: Day unto day utters speech,**

Leader: And night unto night reveals knowledge.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and, my Redeemer.

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

**Brumfield House**

**March 11**

Josh Poole

**March 18**

Rebecca Wiggs

**March 25**

Mike Peters

**April 1**

Chuck Poole

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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 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

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**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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Girls' Game Day

Today

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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**Sunday Night Children's Zoom**

**Tonight**

**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

Tonight

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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**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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) to make a reservation.

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Monica Daniels

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Exodus 10:1-17

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Forgiveness, it seems cannot be forced...when we are brave enough to open our hearts to ourselves, however, forgiveness will emerge...we will discover forgiveness as a natural expression of an open heart...

-Pema Chodron

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Jones

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem

"That Virgin's Child"

Tallis

Lisa Strum, *soprano*

Cecelia Stearman, *alto*

Farrar Strum, *tenor*

Jim Hess, *bass*

That Virgin's Child, most meek and mild, Alonely for my sake,  
His Father's will for to fulfill, He came great pains to take.  
And suffered death, As Scripture saith, That we should saved be,  
On Good Friday: Wherefore I say, He mourned sore for me.

Now Christ Jesu, of love most true, Have mercy upon me,  
I ask Thee grace for my trespass That I have done to Thee.  
For Thy sweet Name, save me from shame And all adversities:  
For Mary's sake, to Thee me take, And mourn no more for me.

The Sermon

Lesley Ratcliff

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Look to your heart  
that flutters in and out like a moth.  
God is not indifferent to your need.  
You have a thousand prayers  
but God has one

-excerpt from "Not So. Not So" by Anne Sexton

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 768 "I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

\*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude

"Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

- Exodus 10:1-17 ~ page 50
- Psalm 19 ~ page 433
- I Corinthians 1:18-25 ~ page 926
- John 2:13-22 ~ page 863

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**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 Third 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 Jeff Stancill.
- The Caregiving Chair for March is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Sheila Nicholas.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Betsy Ditto and Sheila Nicholas.
- The Liturgist for March is Monica Daniels.
- The Flowers for March are provided by Kathryn Davis.
- The Usher Captain for March is Matt Kelly.

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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*