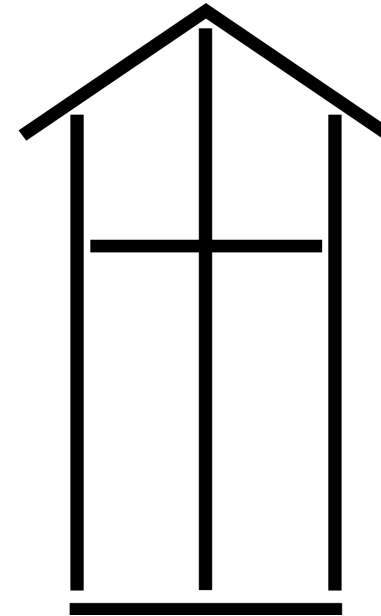


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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

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**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, April 11</b>   |                                                 |
| 9:00 a.m.                 | Mentor Program, GH                              |
| 10:00 a.m.                | Nursery Opens                                   |
| 10:30 a.m.                | Worship Service                                 |
| 5:00 p.m.                 | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>YH Deck    |
| 5:00 p.m.                 | Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456             |
| 5:30 p.m.                 | Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Zoom               |
| <b>Monday, April 12</b>   |                                                 |
| 8:30 a.m.                 | Caregiving, Zoom                                |
| <b>Tuesday, April 13</b>  |                                                 |
| 10:00 a.m.                | Women's Book Study, Zoom                        |
| 12:00 p.m.                | Youth Committee Meeting, GH                     |
| 6:30 p.m.                 | Women's Book Study, Zoom                        |
| <b>Friday, April 16</b>   |                                                 |
| 12:00 p.m.                | Deacons' Executive Meeting, GH                  |
| 5:30 p.m.                 | Rebecca Parker/Jake Fugett<br>Wedding Rehearsal |
| <b>Saturday, April 17</b> |                                                 |
| 10:00 a.m.                | Ordination Council, GH                          |
| 6:30 p.m.                 | Rebecca Parker/Jake Fugett Wedding              |
| <b>Sunday, April 18</b>   |                                                 |
| 9:00 a.m.                 | Mentor Program, GH                              |
| 10:00 a.m.                | Nursery Opens                                   |
| 10:30 a.m.                | Worship Service                                 |
| 5:00 p.m.                 | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>YH Deck    |
| 5:00 p.m.                 | Atrium, Girls of Grace, and Guys 456            |
| 5:30 p.m.                 | Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Zoom                 |
| 6:45 p.m.                 | Deacons' Meeting, GH                            |

It need not discourage us if we are full of doubts. Healthy questions keep faith dynamic. Unless we start with doubts we cannot have a deep-rooted faith. One who believes lightly and unthinkingly has not much of a belief. One who has a faith which is not to be shaken has won it through blood and tears – has worked their way from doubt to truth as one who reaches a clearing through a thicket of brambles and thorns.

-Helen Adams Keller

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Eastertide**

April 11, 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

Hear my words: When there are prophets among you, I the Lord make myself known to them in visions; I speak to them in dreams.

-Numbers 12:6 *NRSV*

The Prelude "Rejoice the Lord Is King" Pethel

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Will Fender

\*The Processional Hymn No. 239 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *DUKE STREET*

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever living Head

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my Prophet, Priest and King!

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

\*The Litany of Praise Elizabeth Quinn

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**People: Break forth into joy, and sing together; God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.**

Leader: We who once suffered in death, and cried in despair,

**People: Now know victory over death, and joy over despair.**

**All: For God has raised Christ from the grave. The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!**

-Jann Cather Weaver, *Touch Holiness*

**Senior Recognition Sunday**

**April 25**, Seniors will be recognized during Sunday morning worship. Following the service, Seniors and their families and special guests are invited to a luncheon.

**Seniors/Parents of Seniors:** contact Major or the church office to let us know how many people will attend.

**Juniors:** we need your help to host the luncheon. You will be the servers for the banquet; let Major know if you can come to help celebrate the graduating Seniors.

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Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office (601-982-4703).

This year's new Youth Group members:

Bess Borne	Will Fender	Lennon Hewes
Presley Hewes	Andrew Mahaffey	Chesley Quinn

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**Women's Book Study**

***Dusk Night Dawn***

by Anne Lamott

Tuesdays through May 4 on Zoom

We are offering a morning group and evening group.

Morning group meets 10:00am – 11:30am

Evening group meets 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions or to sign up and receive the Zoom links.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, April 21

Cooks:

Shirley Geary
Jan Stewart
Rose Mary Porter

Drivers:

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

Monday, April 26

Cooks:

Kelly Hicks
Gail England
Ann Calhoon

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Gayla Purvis,
Becky & Tim Frame
Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan

STUDENT NEWS:

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

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

Senior Recognition Sunday:

April 25.

Passport Information Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 5:30pm in the Great Hall. Come with all of your questions, leave with all the answers (offer only valid for questions about Passport).

Passport: June 12-18. A wonderful week like no other. Email Major to sign up.

Mystery Trip: July 15-20. Email Major to sign up.

Adult Studies

**Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.
Tonight, April 18 and 25
Sanctuary and via Zoom link**

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.

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

Sunday Night Children's Activities

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tonight, April 18 and 25, and May 2

Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 has returned in-person!

Childcare is 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.

Nursery Re-opening

We have resumed offering childcare during the worship service.

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.**

Brumfield House

April 15

Amy Finkelberg

April 22

Tom Starling

April 29

Jimmy Allen

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Elizabeth Quinn

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Acts 4:32-35

I John 1:1-2:2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God of Light, you have called us into partnership, but we have chosen instead to go our own way. You have given us light and we have preferred to walk in the shadows. You call us to truth while we cling to our lies. We try to fool others and end up deceiving ourselves. Come to us in our confusion and sin to forgive us, we pray, and make us whole.

-Lavon Bayler, *Whispers of God*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Burkhardt

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
Rose Mary Porter, *soprano*

Kimbrough

The Sermon

"On Dreaming and Doubting"

Major Treadway

TIME OF RESPONSE

Dreams are the touchstones of our characters. For in dreams we but act a part which must have been learned and rehearsed in our waking hours Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake.

-Henry David Thoreau

*The Recessional Hymn No. 247 "The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

*The Benediction

Major Treadway

*The Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for April 11 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Acts 4:32-35 ~ page 888

Psalm 133 ~ page 501

I John 1:1-2:2 ~ page 989

John 20:19-31 ~ page 883

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Van White and all of Van’s family, on the death of Van’s dad, Paul White.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Suzanne and Bill Boone on the death of Suzanne’s uncle, Harry Marsh. And also to Doug, Crisler, Will and Sam Boone; Stewart, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Thomas Boone; Elizabeth, Kip and Ben Bowen.

Cheryl Coker is recovering after surgery.

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 of Eastertide. Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

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 John England.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Nena Carmody and Shari Culver.

The Liturgist for April is Gray Jackson.

The Flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly, Mary Elizabeth Smith,

Joe D. Rankin, and Becky Frame.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.