

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Joy is what makes life worth living, but for many, joy seems hard to find. They complain that their lives are sorrowful and depressing. What then brings the joy we so much desire? Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently from the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it.

What makes us human is precisely this freedom of choice.

-Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday of Eastertide

April 18, 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

You learn your theology most where your sorrows take you.
 -Martin Luther

The Prelude "Air" Morricone

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Bess Borne

*The Processional Hymn No. 254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" *ODE TO JOY*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
 sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
 see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
 once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
 Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
 there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
 now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
 Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
 Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
 Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

*The Litany of Praise George Watson

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is a new day!

People: We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.

Leader: Christ is with us!

All: Christ is with us indeed!

-Sandra E. Graham, *Flames of the Spirit*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation George Watson

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, April 18**

|            |                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 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                         |

**Monday, April 19**

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| 7:00 a.m. | Men on First and Third, GH |
| 8:30 a.m. | Caregiving, Zoom           |

**Tuesday, April 20**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Women's Book Study, Zoom |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Women's Book Study, Zoom |

**Wednesday, April 21**

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| 8:30 a.m.  | Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building |
| 10:00 a.m. | Meals on Wheels               |

**Sunday, April 25**

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|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Mentor Program, GH                           |
| 10:00 a.m. | Nursery Opens                                |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service/Senior Recognition           |
| 11:30 a.m. | Senior Recognition Lunch                     |
| 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            |

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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

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Brumfield House

April 22

Tom Starling

April 29

Jimmy Allen

May 6

Bryan Bridges

May 13

Skipper Jernigan

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 4
I John 3:1-7

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. Trust and believe that, after separation, reconciliation is possible. God does show us the way home. In the name of Christ Jesus, your sin is forgiven.

-Janice Jean Springer, *Touch Holiness*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

The Meditation

"Evening Song"

Schumann

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Major Treadway

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

The Anthem

"Easter"
Richard Joiner, *baritone*

Williams

*Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise/Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise/With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.*

*Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part/With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,/Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.*

*Consort both heart and lute, and twist a son/Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied,/And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.*

The Sermon

"At the Corner of Sadness and Gladness"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

Happiness is living by inner purpose, not by outer pressures.
Happiness is a happening-with-God.

-David Augsburg

*The Recessional Hymn No. 506 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" *ELLACOMBE*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream,
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk, till traveling days are done.

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude Powell "Celebration"

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for April 18 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Acts 3:12-19 ~ page 887
- Psalm 4 ~ page 425
- I John 3:1-7 ~ page 990
- Luke 24:36b-48 ~ page 861

Musician for today:

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, May 2 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered around the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children.

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

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 with questions or to sign up and receive the Zoom links.

PassportKids! Camp Registration

Children who have completed 3rd through 6th grades are invited to Passport Camp!

We will be going to Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

JULY 5-9, 2021

The deadline to register is April 23.

If your child would like to attend, please contact, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org, or 601-982-4703.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

(or parents of graduates)

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call the church office, 601-982-4703, with degree and school information

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.**

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).

End of Year Party: Sunday, May 2, 5:00pm. A celebration of the end of the school year.

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.

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**Adult Studies**

**Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.**

**Tonight and April 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)

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Sunday Night Children's Activities

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tonight, April 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.

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**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.

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Merle Elizabeth Allen Dean, an active member of Northminster since 1971. Christian sympathy is extended to Merle Allen, Shawn Dean, Shannon Dean Gammill, Jimmy and Kay Allen, and their families.

Cheryl Coker is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Robbie Cross     | Sue Edwards     | Robyn Chunn       |
| Libby McGee      | Nancy Herrin    | Virginia Hamilton |
| Pat Walston      | Jack Cochran    | R.W. McCarley     |
| Vivian Thompson  | Martha Collum   |                   |
| 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 of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, over laying 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 Paul Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Becky Wooley and Amanda Milam.

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.

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The flowers for today are given on the occasion of the wedding of Jacob and Rebecca Fugett.