

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 CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, April 25

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, YH Deck
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Zoom

Monday, April 26

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, Zoom
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, April 27

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

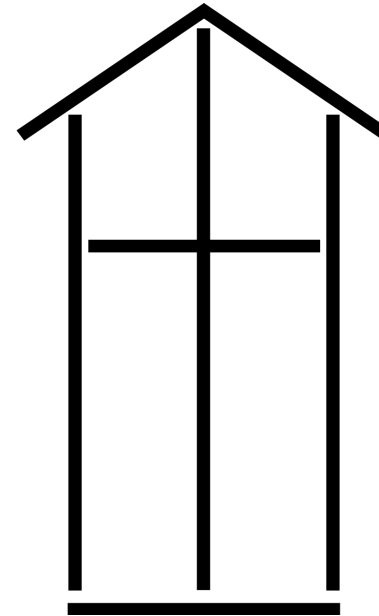
Wednesday, April 28

5:30 p.m.	Youth Passport Info. Meeting, GH
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Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, GH
10:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Nights at the Youth House, YH Deck
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace, and Guys 456
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light, Sanctuary

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

-Acts 4:5-10, *NRSV*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide
April 25, 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

As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

-Mark 6:34, *NRSV*

The Prelude "Christian People Raise Your Song" Powell

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Mary Laurel Boykin

*The Processional Hymn No. 108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *MADRID*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

*The Litany of Praise Sarah Reynolds

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is a new day;

People: New life is rising among us.

Leader: Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love;

People: So we will greet one another in love, and praise the God who uplifts each of us in grace.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

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

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Sarah Reynolds

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 has passed but if you are still interested, please contact Lesley as soon as possible.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, April 26

Cooks:

Kelly Hicks
Gail England
Ann Calhoon

Drivers:

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

Monday, May 3

Cooks:

Patsy Caraway
Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

Brumfield House

April 29

Jimmy Allen

May 6

Bryan Bridges

May 13

Skipper Jernigan

May 20

Jennifer Stribling

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.

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 (major@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

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**Adult Studies**

**Tonight at 5:30 p.m.**

**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 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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**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.

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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.**

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Recognition of High School Seniors

2021 Northminster Graduates

Kaylee Ashford	Kimberly Blount	Hawthorne Cleveland	Noah Derrick
Sarah Beth Greener	Milton Greenwood	Rosemary Hicks	Andrew Oakes
Katie Pace	Samuel Phyfer	Jeremiah Press	Leflore Press
LeSean Robins	Ella Jane Simmons	Gibson Smith	Betsy Van Meter
Katie White			

The Lessons

Lesley Ratcliff

Acts 4:5-12
I John 3:16-24

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

O God, we have listened to voices other than yours and followed in paths of our own making. We have evaded your commandments to do what pleases us. Our hearts condemn us, but we lack the will and the strength to change our ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us, we pray, that we may devote ourselves to doing what pleases you, Our God. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

-Lavon Bayler, *Whispers of God*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

The Meditation

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Lesley Ratcliff

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

The Anthem

"You Are Present with Your Love"
Pam Wardlaw Steadman, *soprano*

Wold

The Sermon

"By What Name?"

Major Treadway

TIME OF RESPONSE

You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

-John 13:13-17, *NRSV*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 107 "Christ Be My Leader

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Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, by future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"Celebration"

Powell


**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for April 25 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Acts 4:5-12 ~ page 887
- Psalm 23 ~ pages 435-436
- I John 3:16-24 ~ pages 990-991
- John 10:11-18 ~ pages 872-873

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Nancy Ann Tatum Herrin, a member of Northminster for over forty years. Christian sympathy is extended to Jack and Leigh Herrin, Don and Holley Herrin Noblitt, and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jake and Rebecca Parker Fugett, on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, April 17.

Cheryl Coker is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Robbie Cross	Sue Edwards	Robyn Chunn
Libby McGee	R.W. McCarley	Virginia Hamilton
Pat Walston	Jack Cochran	Gorman Schaffer
Vivian Thompson	Martha Collum	Roxanne Aldridge

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 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.



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 Rebecca Wiggs.
- The Caregiving Chair for April is Steve Godbold.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.
- The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Cheryl Allen.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Patty Clark and Emily Smith.
- The Liturgist for April is Gray Jackson.
- The Liturgist for May is Joe D. Rankin.
- The Flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly and Becky Frame.
- The Flowers for May are provided by Becky Frame, Jill Buckley and Sylvia Carraway
- The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.
- The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.