



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The earliest reference to the Resurrection is Saint Paul's, and he makes no mention of an empty tomb at all. But, the fact of the matter is that, in a way, it hardly matters how the body of Jesus came to be missing because, in the last analysis, what convinced the people that he had risen from the dead was not the absence of his corpse but his living presence. And so it has been ever since.

-Frederick Buechner

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 4, 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

EASTER

Just when I thought
there would be no more light
in the Jerusalem sky,
the Bright and Morning Star
appeared
and the darkness has not overcome it.
-Ann Weems

The Prelude "Christ Is Risen" Pethel

The Call to Worship "Christ the Lord Hath Risen" Parker/Coker

*Christ the Lord hath risen/ From his three-day prison,
Meet it is to make merrie,/ Jesus will our solace be. Alleluia.
Christ our victor Giant/ Quells the foe defiant:
Let the ransomed People sing,/ Glory to the Easter King. Alleluia.*

*The Procession of the Easter Banner **Walker Fuller
***Betsy Beard

*The Processional Hymn No. 234 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

*The Placement of the Paraments

*The Return of the Pascal (Christ) Candle **Charlotte Poole
***Elise Williams

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in honor of:

Joe and Kandy Sims by Claire Sims
Kirk, Caroline, Evelyn and Joseph Sims by Claire Sims
Mary Kate, Josh, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan by Claire Sims
Ann and Gerry Lauman by Gray Jackson
Lyllian McMullan by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams
Jean and James Kelley Williams by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and
Luke Williams
Northminster Ministerial Staff by Jo Ann Welch
Northminster Music Staff by Jo Ann Welch
Mary Foose Sunday School Class and Teachers by Jo Ann Welch
Reynolds Clark by Amanda and Trey Clark
Patty Clark by Amanda and Trey Clark
Carolyn Nix by Amanda and Trey Clark
Janet Vick by Amanda and Trey Clark
The Northminster Ministers by Diann and Max Arinder
The Northminster Staff by Diann and Max Arinder
Dabbs Massey and Gray Jackson by Ann and Gerry Lauman
Robert "Pops" Sentilles by Celia Stribling
Barbara Stribling Davis by Celia Stribling
Kelley and M'lee, George and Amy, Cliff and Stacie Williams by Jean and
Kelley Williams
Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams
Suzanne and Bill Boone by Elizabeth, Stewart, Jonathan and Thomas Boone
Sandra and Girault Jones by Elizabeth, Stewart, Jonathan and Thomas Boone

Rosemary Harrison by Billy and Annette Trotter
Eda Jackson by Ann and Gerry Lauman
Luta and Arnot Geary by Shirley and Jack Geary
W.C. and LaVerne Hester by Shirley and Jack Geary
Harry Edwin Vickery by Ann Vickery
Louise and Laton Tutor by June and Joe M. Rankin
Bobbie and Douglas M. Rankin by June and Joe M. Rankin
W.R. and Elizabeth Newman by Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre
John McIntyre and Anne McIntyre Black by Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre
Ron Fender by Bo and Polly Bourne
Sam Cox by Robert, Cori, Bowen and Blair
Beth Breland by Amy and George Williams
Hazel Smith by Marcia and Chuck Poole

*The Litany of Praise Jeff Stancill

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jeff Stancill

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 25:6-9

Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Bring your doubts and fears, your grief and pain, to these moments of prayer, as we seek forgiveness and healing. May all that we have sought to cover up and hide be exposed to God's saving, transforming presence. Face your own sin and give it to God as we pray in silence together.

-Lavon Bayler

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation “Today God's Only Son Arose” Bach

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 16:1-8 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem “Easter Anthem” Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruits of them that slept.
And did He rise? Did He rise?
Hear it ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose, He burst the bars of death,
and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then I rose, then first Humanity triumphant
passed the crystal ports of light, and seized Eternal Youth.
Man all immortal hail, Heaven all lavish
of strange gifts to man, Thine's all the glory,
man's the boundless bliss,

The Sermon “God Raised Jesus” Charles Poole

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 |

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Guy and Judy Parker on the birth of their great-granddaughter, and to Guy and Becky Parker on the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise Anne Snow. The proud parents are Anne McCaslin and Parker Snow. Eloise is welcomed by her siblings, Sayle and Phinn Snow, and also by Rollins, Rebecca, Mary Lynn and Julia Parker.

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 Easter Sunday, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season 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 Gayla Purvis.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Gail England and Sandra Triplett.

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.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, April 4

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| 8:00 a.m. | Nursery Opens |
| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | <i>No Evening Activities</i> |

Monday, April 5

Church Office Closed

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| 10:00 a.m. | Meals on Wheels |
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Tuesday, April 6

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| 8:30 a.m. | Caregiving, Zoom |
| 10:00 a.m. | Women's Book Study, Zoom |
| 6:30 p.m. | Women's Book Study, Zoom |

Wednesday, April 7

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| 5:30 p.m. | Easter Egg Hunt, YH Backyard |
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Sunday, April 11

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| 8:00 a.m. | Nursery Opens |
| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 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 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Adult Studies, Sanctuary and Zoom |

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STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House: April 11, 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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**Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual  
Easter Egg Hunt in the Youth House Backyard!

Preschool and Elementary aged children can bring  
their baskets and will hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

We'll have a boxed picnic so bring your picnic blanket  
and camp chairs, and come join the festivities!

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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.**

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**Adult Studies**

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

**April 11, 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)

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The church office will be closed

Monday, April 5.

(For pastoral care needs, call 601-259-7993.)

Caregivers will meet Tuesday, April 6.

Sunday Night Children's Activities

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

April 11, 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.

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**Women's Book Study**

*Dusk Night Dawn*

by Anne Lamott

Tuesdays, April 6 – 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.

Books are available in the church office for \$16.

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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Brumfield House

April 8

Joe Sims

April 15

Amy Finkelberg

April 22

Tom Starling

April 29

Jimmy Allen

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**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