

## 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  
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults  
Associate Pastor for Students  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Organist Emeritus  
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
Financial Secretary  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sexton

Charles Poole  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Major Treadway  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon

### THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

#### Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, GH  
10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Light Practice, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Youth End-of-the-Year Party,  
Kelley & Jean Williams' Home  
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Light, Sanctuary

#### Monday, May 3

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, GH

#### Tuesday, May 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Study, Zoom  
5:00 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee, GH  
6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, Zoom

#### Wednesday, May 5

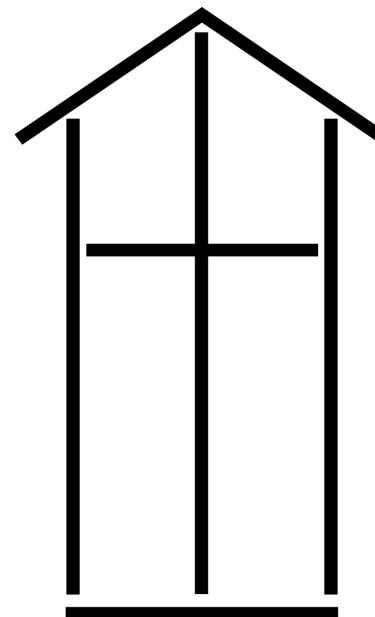
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, GH

#### Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Stewpot Meeting, Amphitheater

#### Sunday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication



### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the  
earth, are one body in this one Lord.

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

May 2, 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**

Each time we take communion, Lord, we want to recommit our life, our heart, our thoughts, our everything to You. Fill us today with Your powerful Spirit. As we leave this place, help us to hold this fresh remembrance and the story that never grows old close to our heart. Help us to share its message faithfully as You give us opportunity.

The Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Blaine Bridges

\*The Processional Hymn No. 317 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *OLD HUNDREDTH*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

\*The Litany of Praise Joe Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The bread of life,

**People: Nourishes our hungry bodies.**

Leader: The cup of blessing,

**People: Revives our thirsty souls.**

Leader: The gathered community,

**All: Strengthens our growing faith. Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

~ immediately following the worship service ~

**AGENDA:**

1.) Election of three members for the Committee on Committees.

Nominated by the Deacons:

Max Arinder  
Monica Daniels  
Holly Wiggs

(Per the Northminster Bylaws, additional nominations may be made at the congregational meeting.)

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**K2 Retreat**

**Friday, June 4 - 6:00 p.m.**

**until**

**Saturday, June 5 - 2:00 p.m.**

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend the **K2 retreat** in the Youth House.

If your child would like to attend,  
please let Lesley know ASAP.

[lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703.

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**Brumfield House**

**May 6**

Bryan Bridges

**May 13**

Skipper Jernigan

**May 20**

Jennifer Stribling

**May 27**

Scott Wilson

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, May 3**

**Cooks:**

Patsy Caraway  
Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady

**Drivers:**

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

**Wednesday, May 19**

**Cooks:**

Shari Culver  
Jo Ann Welch  
Carolyn McIntyre

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Gwen Anderson &  
Amy Finkelberg  
Rt. 2 Susie Friou & Kurt Metzner

## STUDENT NEWS:

**End of Year Party:** Tonight, 5:00-6:30pm. Kelley and Jean Williams' Home.  
Please bring a towel and a change of clothes. 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](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)) to sign up.

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### Liturgy of the Light

Tonight ~ 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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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Jonathan Boone B.B.A., with a minor in Business Management,  
Mississippi State University  
Breland Parker J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law

*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.*

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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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### PassportKids! Camp Registration

Children who have completed 3rd through 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org), or 601-982-4703.

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

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Joe Rankin

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Acts 8:26-40

I John 4:7-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, thanks and praise be to You.

Again, You feed us at Your holy table with Your own body and blood. By Your Word and Supper,

may we be led from a sinful world into life eternal. *Amen.*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”

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### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

Kimbrough

Jim Hess, *bass*

The Sermon

“Concerning Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch”

Charles Poole

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Charles Poole

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

**People: Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread into open hands. After having received it, worshippers will return by the outside aisle, be seated, and each eat the bread.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Receive the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

### TIME OF RESPONSE

Loving God, with the bread and cup, nourish and sustain us; our Creator, our Redeemer, our Savior.

Praise be to You, now, tomorrow, and forevermore. *Amen.*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay"

Bach

***\*The congregation will please stand.***

**The Lectionary passages for May 2 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Acts 8:26-40 ~ pages 892-893

Psalms 22:25-31 ~ page 435

I John 4:7-21 ~ page 991

John 15:1-8 ~ page 878

## CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

### CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Diane and John McGowan on the death of Diane's sister, Ann Ledoux.

### 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 Fifth 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 Hart Wylie.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Cheryl Allen.

The Caregivers of the Week are Ann Calhoon and Becky Wooley.

The Liturgist for May is Joe D. Rankin.

The Flowers for May are provided by Becky Frame, Jill Buckley and Sylvia Carraway.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

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### Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.