

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

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### THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

#### Sunday, May 9

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

#### Monday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, Zoom

#### Wednesday, May 12

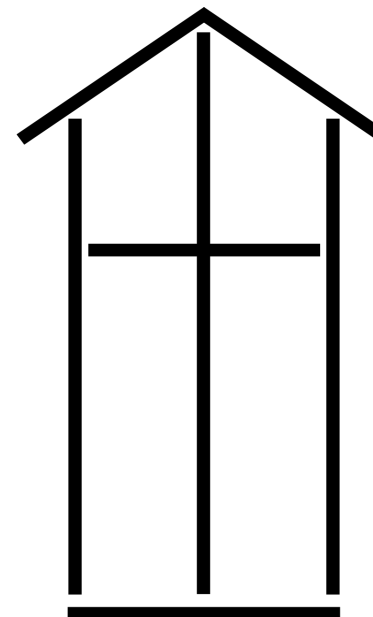
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, GH

#### Thursday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Deacons' Executive Meeting, GH

#### Sunday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Prepare for Worship,  
Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism  
11:30 a.m. End of Mentor Program Celebration  
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, GH



### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“The joy of the Gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded.”

-Pope Francis

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**  
May 9, 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

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful,  
and ignite within us the fire of Your divine love.”

The Prelude “Adagio” Schumann

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Meili Grace Clark

\*The Processional Hymn No. 356 “All Creatures of Our God and King” DENNIS

All Creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All ye who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part, sing his praises, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

\*The Litany of Praise Caroline Crisler

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O God, instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Grant us the same Holy Spirit, ever to rejoice in your consolation;**

**All: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Passport:** June 12-18. The deadline to register has passed but if you are still interested, please contact Major as soon as possible.

**Mystery Trip:** July 15-20. Sign up with Major by May 15.

[major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)

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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
Ben Bowen	B.S.B.A., Business Administration with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship, The University of Southern Mississippi
Breland Parker	J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law
Corrine Cox	M.S., Psychology, University of Louisiana at Monroe
Harrison Smith	J.D., The University of Mississippi School of Law
Matthew Warren	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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**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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K2 Retreat

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

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

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 2nd 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 or 601-982-4703.

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**Brumfield House**

**May 13**

Skipper Jernigan

**May 20**

Jennifer Stribling

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, May 19

Cooks:

Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch
Carolyn McIntyre

Drivers:

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

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Bill Barham 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 Sixth 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 Smith Boykin.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Cheryl Allen.

The Caregivers of the Week are Jan McDonnial-Wilson and Sunny Fowler.

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Caroline Crisler

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Jones Nelson Daniels
Son of Will and Lanna Daniels

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Jones to the church and to dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: *We, his parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.*

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: **That he is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about his faith history?

People: **He will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with him regularly, teach him to pray and lead him into a loving relationship with God?

Parents: *We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.*

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

People: **Yes, we too, will share in his growth, for he belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

People: **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Charles Poole

The Lessons

Major Treadway

Psalm 98
Acts 10:44-48

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God, thank You for being merciful. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us. May we experience the Spirit's presence more clearly every day. Hear our prayers as we continue in silence. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Sarabande"

Bach

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel	John 15:9-17	Charles Poole
Leader:	This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God	
The Anthem	“For Everyone Born” Richard Joiner, <i>baritone</i> Bennett Randman, <i>cello</i> For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. Refrain: <i>And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.</i> For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a systems that’s fair. Refrain: For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. Refrain: For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. Refrain:	Trenney
The Sermon	“This Is How We Grow”	Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“Breathe into us, Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy.
Move us, Holy Spirit, that our works, too, may be holy.
Attract our hearts, Holy Spirit, that we may love only what is holy.
Strengthen us, Holy Spirit, that we may defend all that is holy.
Protect us, Holy Spirit, that we may always be holy.”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689 “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: on Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ever grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Lasky

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for May 9 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Acts 10:44-48 ~ page 895

Psalms 98 ~ page 480

I John 5:1-6 ~ page 991

John 15:9-17 ~ page 878