

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, August 1

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion, GH

Monday, August 2

7:00 a.m. Men on First & Third, GH
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day
11:00 a.m. Play Date

Wednesday, August 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Delta Hands for Hope Walk,
Northminster Parking Lot
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Dinner, Away
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 6

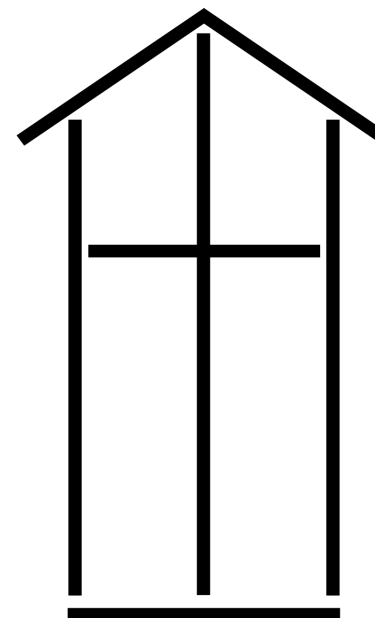
6:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In, YH

Saturday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Youth Lock-In Ends
9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, August 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, GH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

O, Jesus, Bread of Life, be our constant reminder that we are bread for the world and that we, too, are called to be blessed, broken, and given. May we be enriched by your daily blessing. May we be open to your daily breaking. May we be willing to be given as your gift of bread for the world.

-Macrina Wiederkehr

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 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

“This is the place of meeting, where God moves toward us. And we, together, reach for God. It is a time to remember our covenant with God. It is a time to confess and to rejoice. We are here. God is coming toward us. It is happening. Welcome the meeting.”

-G. Temp Sparkman

The Prelude “All Creatures of Our God and King” Powell

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*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 Kurt Metzner

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: For the bread of our ancestors in the desert,

People: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: For the bread at the table of communion,

People: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: For the Bread of Life,

People: We give thanks to the Lord.

All: We the church, the body of Christ, give thanks to the Lord. We believe!

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Kurt Metzner

The Greeting Major Treadway

Brumfield House

August 5

Skipper Jernigan

August 12

Jimmy Allen

August 19

Susan O'Mara

August 26

Bryan Bridges

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**  
**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**August 8**

**Firecrackers**

Krysten and Jay Jernigan

**Sparklers**

Mary McCall and Will McArthur

**August 15**

**Firecrackers**

Olivia Champion and Karen Treadway

**Sparklers**

Barrie and Eddie Mahaffey

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, August 2

Cooks:

Peggy Brady
Patsy Caraway
Amanda Milam

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Rob Hill & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

Wednesday, August 18

Cooks:

Rose Mary Porter
Shirley Geary
Jan Stewart

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames
Rt. 2 Thomas & Brooks Elfert

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**STEWOPOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Two volunteers are needed to work in the pantry from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. for each of the following days:**

Tuesday, August 24, Monday, October 18 through  
Wednesday, October 20, and Friday October 22

Please contact the church office, 601-982-4703 or  
[ward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:ward@northminsterbaptist.org), or Bob Boteler  
if you would like to help, or have any questions.

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Nursery Re-opening

We have resumed offering childcare
during the worship service.

Please contact the church office or Lesley Ratcliff
(lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions.

**On the Move with Delta Hands for Hope
50 Mile Challenge**

This summer we have been walking, running, rolling, and strolling to raise money for Delta Hands for Hope and Together for Hope. Together for Hope is the CBF rural development coalition serving the 301 counties of persistent rural poverty in America and Delta Hands for Hope is our ministry partner in Shaw, MS.

You can do miles on your own, as well as join us for some fellowship and fun on Wednesday nights at 5:30. On August 4, we will meet in the church parking lot, walk to The District for dinner and walk back. Bikes, strollers, and roller skates welcome!

Individuals will pay for their own dinner.
The church will make a \$15 donation to Together for Hope for each person who completes the challenge.

If you'd like to participate, please contact lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!

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**Rising First Graders**

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first "official" entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class!

**On Sunday, August 22, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.** Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take a more in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal, talk about why we worship, and create worship bags.

Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

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PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 22 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Three year-olds through kindergartners who plan to participate in Atrium this fall are strongly encouraged to attend atrium orientation with their parents.

If this is your child's first year to participate in Atrium, this is an important introduction to the Atrium for both of you, and if your child is returning to the Atrium, this is an opportunity to refresh the children's memories and help parents understand the structure of the Atrium.

*Preschool Atrium will resume on
September 12 at 5:00 p.m. with all other
regular children's activities.*

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**"Requiem for the Living"  
Sunday, August 29**

On Sunday evening, August 29, at five-thirty, the Northminster Choir will present Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, in memory of all those for whom, because of the pandemic, we were not able to gather for funerals in the ways to which we are accustomed.

If you have friends who lost loved ones during the pandemic, and were not able to gather for funerals or memorial services in all the usual ways, please invite them to join us, in the sanctuary, at close of day on August 29, as we remember, together, to the rhythms of the Requiem, all of those who have preceded us into the nearer presence of God.

The Lessons

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Ephesians 4:1-16

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

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

"To pray is to listen, to move through my own chattering to God, to get beyond those words to that place where I can be silent and then listen to what God may have to say."

-Madeleine L'Engle

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 593 "The Gift of Love"

*GIFT OF LOVE*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love: my words are vain;  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Kurt Metzner

The Offertory

"Where Love Is, God Abides"

Hadfield

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 6:24-35

Charles Poole

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

The Anthem

"So Art Thou to Me"  
Pam Steadman, *soprano*

Scott

The Sermon

"On Speaking the Truth in Love"

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. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

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

## COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and in the life to come.

-Henri Nouwen

\*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

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Bober

## STUDENT NEWS:

### On the Move with Delta Hands for Hope:

(50 Mile Challenge) - Between now and August 15, if you can walk, run, roll, swim, or stroll 50 miles, Northminster will donate \$15 dollars to Delta Hands for Hope and Together for Hope. You can do these miles on your own, but for those for whom some company would be helpful, some folks will be gathering at the church on Wednesday nights at 5:30 to walk together. On August 4 we'll walk from the church to the District - approximately 1 mile - eat dinner and walk back to the church. If you would like to participate, send me an email or just show up Wednesday at 5:30.

**Summer Challenge:** Recite the books of the Bible in order to Major by Sunday, August 8. Completion of this challenge will result in a flood of serotonin in your brain and Chick-Fil-A gift card in your pocket (plus, you will no longer have to consult the table of contents to find a passage in the Bible).

**Junior High Dinner:** **Wednesday, August 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** at the Elfert's house. If you are in 7th or 8th grade, this dinner is for you. We'll eat, hang out, and talk about what to expect from the year to come in the Youth House.

**Lock-in:** **Friday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, August 7, 7:00 a.m.**

The Decathlon is back! Come ready to get messy and try for your chance at glory. No sleeping bags necessary, but a change of clothes and a towel are probably in order.

**Stewpot:** **Saturday, August 7, 9:30 a.m.** - We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together.

## ELEMENTARY SERVICE DAY & PLAYDATE

Tuesday, August 3

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a day of service.

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Young children through those who have completed Kindergarten are invited to come play at the church.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, August 15

School is getting in gear and so are we! On Sunday, August 15, children will be promoted to their next grade level in Sunday School. Children will receive a postcard with the name of their Sunday School class before Promotion Sunday, and will be greeted at the desk in the children's department and walked to their new classrooms.

## COMING SOON!

**Intergenerational Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing,  
Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 15

5:00 p.m. ~ Great Hall

If you would like to make homemade ice cream for this event, please contact Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)).

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CARE CARDS** may be found in the pew racks, if you would like to write anyone. Place your cards in the offering plate. Cards will be mailed from the church office on Monday morning.

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Lynda Street on the death of Lynda’s aunt, Fay Hancock.

Libby McGee is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry, and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season’s emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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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 Thomas Elfert.
 The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.
 The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.
 The Caregivers of the Week are Susie Friou and Sophie Braswell.
 The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.
 The Flowers for August are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley,
 Susan Burnham, Sylvia Carraway and Lida Caraway.
 The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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*The flowers in the Great Hall today are given by Polly and Bo Bourne in celebration of Davis Bourne and Olivia Rule’s marriage, July 30.*

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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.

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 1 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 ~ page 55
 Psalm 78:23-29 ~ pages 468-469
 Ephesians 4:1-16 ~ page 951
 John 6:24-35 ~ pages 867-868

Musicians for today:
 Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*
 Billy Trotter, *piano*