

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 22

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool Atrium Orientation

Monday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, August 24

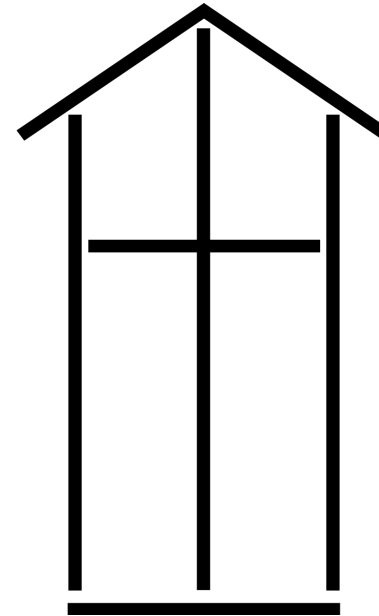
3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 29

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication
5:00 p.m. Back to Youth



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“I live for Sundays. It's like going to the spiritual gas station to fill up on fuel and clean the dirty windshield and mirrors. I usually show up self-obsessed and vaguely agitated, and I am at once reminded not of who I am, but Whose I am.”

-Anne Lamott

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 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

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people. Mold us by the breath of your Holy Spirit. Reveal in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ. Amen.

-Caren L. Caldwell

The Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" Schrader

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *ELLACOMBE*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

*The Litany of Praise Linda Mann McDaniel

Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!
People: We yearn to be in the house of our God, worshipping alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ; where all are welcome.
Leader: Even the birds have found a home and a place to nest near our Lord's altar.
People: A single day spent in the house of the Lord is better than a thousand anywhere else!
All: Happy are those who dwell in the house of the Lord!

-Psalm 84:1-4, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Linda Mann McDaniel

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

Stewpot Food Pantry

August 23

Bob Boteler
Milton Greenwood

August 24

Bob Hardin
Jim Hess
Mary Taylor

August 25

Bill Thompson

August 26

TBA
TBA

August 27

Bob Boteler
Marjorie Van Meter

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, August 24***  
***3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

Children who have a birthday in August are invited to bring a friend and stop by the Northminster Great Hall between 3:00 and 5:00 to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 10
6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703, by Wednesday, September 8.**

Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents' Night Out on:
October 8, November 5,
and December 10.

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**BIBLE 101**

**September 12 and 19**

***Both sessions will take place Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary unless otherwise specified, and will also be livestreamed.***

This semester we will spend two weeks wrapping up our Bible 101 series which has been seeking to answer the "who, what, when, where and why" of each book of the Bible. Chuck Poole will lead us this fall in exploring these questions in Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude and Revelation.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Back to Youth:** Sunday, August 29, 5:00 p.m. Youth family fellowship.

**First Sunday in Youth House:** September 12, 5:30 p.m. Sunday nights resume.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, October 2, 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.

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PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION

Today ~ 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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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**August 29**

**Firecrackers**

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

**Sparklers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

**September 5**

**Firecrackers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

**Sparklers**

Kelly & Josh Guyton

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, August 23

Cooks:

Rebecca Black
Polly Watkins
Jean Welsh

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)

Cooks:

Wanda Johnson
Susan O'Mara
Becky Wooley

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

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**Brumfield House**

**August 26**

Bryan Bridges

**September 2**

Chuck Poole

**September 9**

Mike Peters

The Lessons

Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20

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

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Dear God,

Speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noises of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you. Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying:

“Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest . . .  
for I am gentle and humble of heart.”

Let that loving voice be my guide. Amen.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 21 “How Great Thou Art”

*O STORE GUD*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout, the universe displayed.

**Refrain:**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Refrain:**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

**Refrain:**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art.”

**Refrain:**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Linda Mann McDaniel

The Offertory

“Arioso”

Bach

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel John 6:56-69 Lesley Ratcliff  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**  
The Anthem "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Liddle  
J J Coker, *tenor*  
The Sermon "Concerning Psalm Eighty-Four" Charles Poole

**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**

We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

-Madeleine L'Engle

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM RHONDDA*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty—hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
(want no more,) feed me till I want no more.  
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
(strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
(give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Larkin

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for August 22 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 ~ pages 187-188  
Psalm 84 ~ pages 472-473  
Ephesians 6:10-20 ~ page 952  
John 6:56-59 ~ page 868

**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** is extended to Guy Jernigan on the death of his wife, Catie Jernigan; and also to Skipper, Judy and Kayla Jernigan, and Jay, Krysten, Lynnnon and Harris Jernigan, and Mary Lou Jernigan.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to David and Cheryl Allen on the birth of their granddaughter, Kennedy Elizabeth Crump. The proud parents are Josh and Courtney Crump.

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 Thirteenth 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 Paul Smith.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.
The Caregivers of the Week are Amy Williams and Brooks Elfert.
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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**Nursery Re-opening**

We have resumed offering childcare during the worship service.

**Please contact the church office or Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) with questions.**

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