

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks in a mirror and, after looking, goes away and immediately forgets what they look like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

-James 1:22-25, adapted

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 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

Christ never asks for admirers, worshippers, or adherents. Rather, he calls disciples. It is not adherents of his teaching but followers of a life Christ is looking for.

-Soren Kierkegaard

The Prelude "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" Funderburk

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*The Litany of Praise Holly Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred place? Who may live on your holy mountain?

People: Those who are blameless and righteous, who speak the truth from their heart;

Leader: Those who do not slander or cast slurs, who do no wrong to their neighbor;

People: Those who despise evil, who keep their oaths; those who lend money to the poor without interest and do not accept a bribe against the innocent.

All: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

-Psalm 15

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 29

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 30

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1

7:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 5

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

Worship Service/Baby Dedication, GH

Back to Youth

Caregiving, L/CR

Adult Ministries Committee, L/CR

Wider Net Committee, YH

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service/Communion

Northminster Baptist Church
3955 Ridgewood Road
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601-982-4705 FAX
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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.

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All Are Invited to the Ordination
of
Benjamin Smith
Sunday, September the Nineteenth
at
Two o'clock in the Afternoon
in the Sanctuary

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***Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and  
Guys 456 will resume September 12 at 5:00 p.m.***

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 12

~ immediately following the worship service ~

Agenda:

Election of Deacons

Deacon Nominees

Carrie Blount Cathy Davis Andy Frame
Elta Johnston Eddie Mahaffey Jeff Wilson

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Holly Wiggs

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Jesse Anderson Greer
Son of Daniel and Cortney Greer

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Jesse 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

Psalm 15
James 1:17-27

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God, so often we are quick to speak but slow to listen. In this moment help us to hear what you have to say; then do what you would have us do. Our doubting hearts and minds lead us to believe we are not up for the challenge, but you, Lord, have told us that all things are possible through Christ. Let us not deceive ourselves, but believe in you, then do what you give us to do. Amen.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 107 "Christ Be My Leader" SLANE
Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, by future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

*The Offertory Prayer Holly Wiggs
The Offertory "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Larson
*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Charles Poole
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
The Anthem "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Wood
Rose Mary Porter, *soprano*
The Sermon "From the Heart" 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.

STUDENT NEWS:

Back to Youth: Tonight, 5:00 p.m. Youth family fellowship.
First Sunday in Youth House: September 12, 5:00 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.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

September 5
Dana & Scott Wilson
Kelly & Josh Guyton

September 12
Christine & Bryan Bridges
Amy & Matt Thames

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

Wednesday, September 15

Cooks: Carolyn McIntyre
Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch
Drivers: Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Rt. 2 Susie Friou & Kurt Metzner

Brumfield House

September 2
Bryan Bridges

September 9
Mike Peters

September 16
Kirk Sims

September 23
Scott Wilson

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.

Labor Day Luncheon

Due to our present health circumstances, the Fellowship Committee has decided to forego the Labor Day Sunday luncheon which was planned for September 5.

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:

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: Shea Pribyl

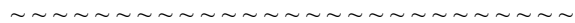
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourteenth 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.



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 John England.
- The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.
- The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.
- The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Gail England.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.
- The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.
- The Liturgist for September is Jo Ann Welch.
- The Flowers for August are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley, Susan Burnham, Sylvia Carraway and Lida Caraway.
- The Flowers for September are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Lida Caraway, Kandy Sims and Susan Burnham.
- The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.
- The Usher Captains for September are John Tingle, Judy Rankin, Kitty Rushing and Nancy Smith.



Postponement of Requiem

Due to the continuing work, soon to be completed, in the sanctuary, the Northminster Choir’s presentation of *Requiem for the Living* will be postponed from the planned date of August 29, to a date later this fall. We are grateful to the Northminster Choir for their faithful preparation of the requiem, and look forward to their presentation of this beautiful sacred work, later this year.



TIME OF RESPONSE

Practice the presence of Christ. Ponder the scriptures. Pray daily in private. Serve others in Christ’s name. To widows and orphans, the poor and oppressed, withhold no good deed, spiritual or financial. As you live this way, you will find those most needy of God, you will find yourself, and you will be found.

-E. Lee Phillips

*The Recessional Hymn No. 562 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *DIX*
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear!
Dark and cheerless is the dawn till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day’s return till your mercy’s beams I see:
as they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Larson

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 29 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 ~ pages 140-141
- Psalm 15 ~ page 430
- James 1:17-27 ~ pages 980-981
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 ~ pages 818-819