



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Let the words of my mouth and  
the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable to you, O Lord, my  
rock and my redeemer.

-Psalm 19:14

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 12, 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**

Love works its wonders quietly without a sound and yet we see its evidence all around. Love speaks in whispers – yet its mighty will can move a mountain – make the world stand still.

*-The Gift of Wonder, Helen Lawrie Marshall*

The Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God” Bach/Fox

The Call to Worship “This Still Room” Davenport

And so I find it well to come—for deeper rest to this still room,  
For here the habit of the soul—Feels less the outer world’s control;  
For strength of mutual purpose pleads—more earnestly our common needs;  
And from the silence multiplied—By these still forms on either side,  
The world that time and sense have known—Falls off and leaves us God alone.

\*The Processional Hymn No. 317 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *OLD HUNDRETH*

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 Kenneth Windham

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Nothing is wasted when we walk with God.

**People: Even our mistakes, God will recycle into something good.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord.**

*-Psalm 19, adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Kenneth Windham

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

**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	Charles Poole
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 12**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Rising First Graders Bible Presentations
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Worship Class, GH
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream

**Monday, September 13**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

**Tuesday, September 14**

5:00 p.m. Building Maintenance Committee, L/CR

**Wednesday, September 15**

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, L/C  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 19**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
2:00 p.m.	Benjamin Smith Ordination
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream
6:45 p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting, L/CR

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**September 19**

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill  
Bett & Josh Poole

**September 26**

Jennifer & Christian Byrd  
Lisa & Farrar Strum

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**Wednesday, September 15**

**Cooks:**

Carolyn McIntyre  
Shari Culver  
Jo Ann Welch

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence  
Rt. 2 Susie Friou & Kurt Metzner

**Monday, September 27**

**Cooks:**

Lawanna McLennan  
Faye Barham  
Gail Poole

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame/  
Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Judy & Skipper Jernigan

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**Brumfield House**

**September 16**

Kirk Sims

**September 23**

Scott Wilson

**September 30**

Jeff Wilson

**October 7**

Joe Sims

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***PARENTS' NIGHT OUT***

*Friday, October 8*

*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, October 6**.

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

**We will also have Parents' Night Out on:**

November 5 and December 10

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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.**

**The Presentation of Bibles to First Graders**

Emmett Elizabeth Allen	William Barrett Kimmel	Grayton Emerson Thames
Louis Edgar Lee Boteler	Rhodes Jackson Massey	Major Andrew Treadway IV
Gray Allyn Bridges	Ailey Elizabeth Poole	Parker Lamar Williams
James Worthen Champion	Mary Alden Ratcliff	
Donald Clark IV	Harper Adelyn Reid	

**Pastor:** This is an exciting time for the children who are gathered before us. They have entered first grade, and many of them have also begun worshipping with us in the sanctuary for the first time.

**People:** **It is our privilege to make a place for them, for they belong to us, just as we all belong to God.**

**Pastor:** As we officially welcome our first graders to worship today, we present them with Bibles inscribed with their own names, praying that, as the Scripture is placed into their hands, so it will become written upon their hearts.

**All:** **Together we give thanks for the children of our congregation and for the Bible; both gifts from God to help us all learn and grow.**

The Lessons Psalm 19 Lesley Ratcliff  
James 3:1-12

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Lord, just as you are perfect, we are an imperfect work in progress. Help us to be better. Help us always to seek your guidance in every thought, word and deed.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 574 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" *CANONBURY*

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the stumbling and the straying feet; and feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my heart shall overflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Kenneth Windham

The Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Wood  
\*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Mark 8:27-38 Charles Poole  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "My Eternal King" Marshall  
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby.  
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ. Should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav'n or of escaping hell;  
Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;  
But as Thy self hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!  
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

The Sermon "Words Shape Worlds" 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**

The Lord our God is good, the mercy of the Lord is forever sure; God's truth has at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.  
*-All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 710 "We Are Called to Be God's People" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne,  
We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.  
We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Pethel

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**First Sunday in Youth House:** Tonight, 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.

**Rising First Graders**

Today, 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. This class will supplement the foundation that children's chapel has provided in preparing the children to participate more fully in worship.  
Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

**ADULT STUDIES**

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

**BIBLE 101  
Tonight and September 19**

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.

**CULTURE CHANGE & CONTEXT  
September 26 and October 3**

Karen & Major Treadway will share about their time in Vietnam and Indonesia, and explore how lessons they learned abroad could inspire and inform action our local context.

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

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

**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 Joe and June Rankin on the death of their brother-in-law, James Chandler.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Ken, Nikki, Hawthorne, Marilee and Kennedy Cleveland on the death of Ken's mother, Mary Alice Cleveland.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Matt and Marty Kelly on the death of Matt's father, Terry Kelly.

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, Lois Montague's husband.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Sixteenth 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 Smith Boykin.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Becky Wooley and Shari Culver.

The Liturgist for September is Jo Ann Welch.

The Flowers for September are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Lida Caraway, Kandy Sims and Susan Burnham.

The Usher Captains for September are John Tingle, Judy Rankin, Kitty Rushing and Nancy Smith.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

~ Today ~ immediately following the worship service ~

**Agenda:**

Election of Deacons

**Deacon Nominees**

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

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for September 12 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Psalm 19 ~ page 433  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a ~ page 594  
 James 3:1-12 ~ pages 981-982  
 Mark 8:27-38 ~ page 820