



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

-Psalm 124:8

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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

“The Lord is merciful and gracious... The Lord will not always accuse, or keep anger forever.”

-Psalm 103:8-9

The Prelude “How Great Thou Art” Linker

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. 20 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *ODE TO JOY*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Rejoice that God is with us, not only in this life, but also in the life to come.

People: The promise of heaven floods our hearts with God’s eternal presence.

All: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in God's love we put our hope.

-adapted from "Dear Jesus"

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Cathy Davis

The Greeting Charles Poole

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
Wider Net Ministry Coordinator	Rosaline McCoy

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, September 26

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Zoom

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
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Wednesday, September 29

7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 2

9:30 a.m.	Youth Stewpot
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Sunday, October 3

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

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, September 28

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

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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.

Children should eat before they come or bring supper.

Most children bring 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) with questions.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**SEPTEMBER 29 ~ 5:30 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL**

**\$5.00 PER PERSON; MAXIMUM OF \$20 PER FAMILY**

**NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.**

**MENU:**

- Beef Stew with Rice
- Green Beans
- Salad
- Assorted Desserts
- Cornbread

**Servers:** Donna Cox, Joe Rankin and Amy Williams

**Cashier:** Mary Lee

**The Northminster Fellowship Committee invites you to Wednesday Night Suppers each week at 5:30 p.m. in The Great Hall**

Whether you're new to Northminster or a long-standing member, Wednesday Night Supper is a great way to make it through the week!

Bring your family and friends to Wednesday Night Suppers and enjoy the delicious home-cooked meal and uplifting message presented each week. The best health and safety recommendations available are followed to serve the meals and offer a pleasant experience. At \$5 per plate, this is the best bargain in town for a wonderful meal. (Child care is provided.)

**THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

Samuel Page Vance

Son of Brooks and Rebecca Vance

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

**Leader:** We are here today to present Samuel 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 124  
James 5:13-20

Lesley Ratcliff

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

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

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Heavenly Father, we stand in your garden and marvel at the beauty of your hand. In a world full of confusion and misunderstanding, we pray that this glorious vision never fades; that the wonder of your love never leaves us. Lord, we thank you for loving us.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 115 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *CRUSADER'S HYMN*

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

\*The Offertory Prayer Cathy Davis

The Offertory "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Wood

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Mark 9:38-50 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Mary and Martha" Christiansen

Mary and Martha's just gone 'long, To ring those charmin' bells,  
Crying free grace and dying love, To ring those charmin' bells.  
O'way over Jordan, Lord, To ring those charmin' bells.

The preacher and the elders just gone 'long, To ring those charmin' bells  
Crying free grace and dying love, To ring those charmin' bells.  
O'way over Jordan, Lord, To ring those charmin' bells.

My father and a mother's just gone 'long, To ring those charmin' bells  
Crying free grace and dying love, To ring those charmin' bells.  
O'way over Jordan, Lord, To ring those charmin' bells.

The Sermon "Careful Speech Concerning Hell" Charles Poole

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer, and fellowship.

**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.

**ADULT STUDIES**

*Tonight's session will take place on Zoom. The link is:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514502374?pwd=MlZndmRzVzJnSVVkRVA3SWIMbk0wZz09>

The password is Culture and the meeting ID is 815 1450 2374.

**CULTURE CHANGE & CONTEXT**

**Tonight and October 3 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

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

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**October 3**

**Firecrackers**

Christine & Bryan Bridges

**Sparklers**

Amy & Matt Thames

**October 10**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Lora & Brock Maples

**Firecrackers**

Amanda & Trey Clark

**Sparklers**

Lanna & Will Daniels

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, September 27**

**Cooks:**

Lawanna McLennan  
Faye Barham  
Gail Poole

**Drivers:**

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

**Monday, October 4**

**Cooks:**

Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

**Brumfield House**

**September 30**

Jeff Wilson

**October 7**

Joe Sims

**October 14**

Crisler Boone

**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 Johnny and Mona Evans on the death of Johnny's mother, Arminta Boyd Evans.

Libby McGee is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Shea Pribyl, Lois Montague's husband.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Eighteenth 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 Jennifer Stribling.
- The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.
- The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Gail England.
- The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Steve and Melissa Godbold.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Dolly Goings and Amy Finkelberg.
- The Liturgist for September is Jo Ann Welch.
- The Liturgist for October is Holly Wiggs.
- The Flowers for September are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Lida Caraway, Kandy Sims and Susan Burnham.
- The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street and John Tingle.
- The Usher Captains for September are John Tingle, Judy Rankin, Kitty Rushing and Nancy Smith.
- The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Martin.*

**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**

By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine, we are on the Lord's side.  
Savior, we are Thine.

-Armageddon

A Word From Our Deacon Chair

Jeff Stancill

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGELS STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak, to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Phillips

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

**The Lectionary passages for September 26 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Psalm 124 ~ page 498
- Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 ~ pages 113-114
- James 5:13-20 ~ page 983
- Mark 9:38-50 ~ pages 821-822