



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

You do well if you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

-James 2:8

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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 rich and the poor have this in common: The Lord is the maker of them all.”
-Proverbs 22:2

The Prelude “This Is My Father’s World” Forrest

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*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 Ann Rumbavage

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Gracious God, give us generous hearts;

People: To share whatever gifts you have given us.

Leader: Help us to recognize the abundance in each passing day.

All: All that we have comes from the Lord our God.

-Joyce Rupp, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Ann Rumbavage

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, 14-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 5	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion, GH
Monday, September 6	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
	10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
Tuesday, September 7	8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
Wednesday, September 8	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study, L/CR
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 10	6:00 p.m.	Parents’ Night Out, NCC
Sunday, September 12	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Rising First Graders
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Presentations
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Ministries Meeting, L/CR
		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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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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*Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 will resume September 12 at 5:00 p.m.*

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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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**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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The church office will be closed Monday, September 6.
For pastoral care emergencies, please call 601-259-7993.

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The Caregiving Committee will meet Tuesday, September 7.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“Steadfast God, like the loving Father that you are, you run to us, embracing us; welcoming us back into your presence.”

- Chris Schoon

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 “I Come with Joy”

*DOVE OF PEACE*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise,  
we’ll live and speak his praise.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Ann Rumbavage

The Offertory “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Shackley

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Where Shall My Wondering Soul Begin”  
Jim Hess, *bass*

Kimbrough

The Sermon

“On Theology Chasing Friendship”

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**

"The Lord will reign forever, your God O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord."

-Psalm 146:10

\*The Recessional 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.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**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.

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

September 12

Christine & Bryan Bridges
Amy & Matt Thames

September 19

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Bett & Josh Poole

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**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

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Brumfield House

September 9

Mike Peters

September 16

Kirk Sims

September 23

Scott Wilson

September 30

Jeff Wilson

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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.

**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:**

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 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 Fifteenth 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 Rebecca Wiggs.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Gail England.
The Caregivers of the Week are Gail England and Sandra Triplett.
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.

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**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 today.

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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 Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude Callahan
“Praise to the Lord”

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for September 5 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 ~ page 527
Psalm 146 ~ page 507
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 ~ page 981
Mark 7:24-37 ~ page 819

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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.