

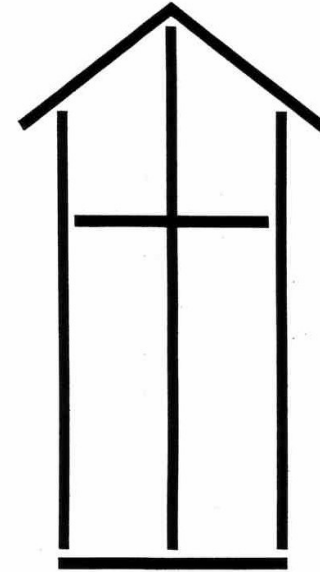
## MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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/Custodian

Charles Poole  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Major Treadway  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

“Keep kindled the gift of God that is in  
you through the laying on of our hands.”

-II Timothy 1:6, *adapted*

THE ORDINATION OF  
BENJAMIN WALKER SMITH  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 Two o'clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The Meditation of Preparation

“Being ordained is not about serving God more perfectly, but about serving God more visibly; allowing other people to learn whatever they can from watching you rise and fall.”

-Barbara Brown Taylor

The Prelude “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” Wood

The Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 532: “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

\*The Litany of Praise Shaye and Dennis Smith

Leaders: The Lord be with you;

People: **And also with you.**

Leaders: We have gathered, within these walls and beyond these walls, in Jackson and in Rochester, to worship God, and to ordain Benjamin Smith to the ministry of the gospel;

People: **Setting aside one of our own to the care of souls.**

Leaders: For all those who have helped shape and form Benjamin’s life for God and the gospel;

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leaders: For the calling and gifts of the Holy Spirit, at work in all our lives;

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Greeting and Invocation Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 34 Jill Buckley  
Ephesians 4:11-16 Amy Finkelberg

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*The Hymn of Service No. 593 “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE

PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Mark 1:9-11 Paul and Suzanne Smith

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily Charles Poole

ORDINATION

The Laying On of Hands

*Here at Northminster, the laying on of hands is as open as the table of communion. All who wish to are welcome to come forward during this time in the service; a practice which is particularly consistent with Baptist beliefs about the priesthood of the believer and the equality of the Christian community, and which serves to emphasize the blessing of the ordinand by the whole church.*

*Given our present public health circumstances, we ask all who come forward to participate in the laying on of hands to wear a face covering. Masks are available in the narthex.*

The Presentation of the Certificate of Ordination Jeff Stancill

The Presentation of the Ordination Gifts Kelley Williams, Jr.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 539: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Manz

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

*Reception immediately following in the Courtyard*

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Many thanks to the Ordination Committee, and the Special Occasions Committee, for their thoughtful planning and preparation for this sacred and significant day.

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