

## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

### AT COMMUNION

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer  
I am not caught in time nor held in space,  
But, thrust beyond this posture, I am where  
Time and eternity are face to face;  
Infinity and space meet in this place  
Where crossbar and upright hold the One  
In agony and in all Love's embrace.  
The power in helplessness which was begun  
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun  
Contained itself in the small confines of a child  
Now comes to me in this strange action done  
In mystery. Break time, break space, O wild  
and lovely power. Break me: thus am I dead,  
Am resurrected now in wine and bread.

- Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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

October 3, 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**

“In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.”

-Howard Thurman

The Prelude “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” Bach

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. 108: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” *MADRID*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he’ll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,  
singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

\*The Litany of Praise Jill Buckley

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We come before God's presence with songs of thanksgiving.

**People: We sing the wondrous deeds of our God.**

Leader: We seek to walk with the Lord in integrity.

**People: We trust in the Lord without wavering.**

Leader: In the steadfast love of God, we walk in faithfulness.

**All: O God, our Redeemer, be gracious to us. Amen.**

-adapted from Psalm 26

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Jill Buckley

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           |
| Wider Net Ministry Coordinator              | Rosaline McCoy            |

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 3**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
11:30 a.m. Children's Committee Mtg. Rm. 101  
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, October 4**

7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH  
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Wednesday, October 6**

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

**Friday, October 8**

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out, NCC

**Sunday, October 10**

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

## Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, October 19  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in October 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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

OCTOBER 6 ~ 5:30 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL

\$5.00 per person; Maximum of \$20 per family  
No reservations needed.

### Menu:

Fried Chicken ~ Crunchy Romaine Salad ~ Rice consommé' ~ Squash casserole  
Yeast rolls ~ Assorted desserts ~ Iced tea

Servers: Mary Eliza McMillan, Gayla Purvis, Judy Rankin

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.)

## Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 27

5:30—7:00 p.m.

~ Face Painting ~ Giant Slide ~ Games ~  
~ Cookout ~ Cupcake Walk ~ Pumpkin Painting ~  
Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join us in the "backyard" of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the youth house. *No Charge.*

**If it rains, meet in the Great Hall.**

Non-Scary Costumes Preferred.

**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

The Lessons

Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"...repentance: to change directions so that you don't end up where you are heading, to change your mind in the deepest center of yourself in a way that changes you..."

-Anne Lamott, *Dusk Night Dawn*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 115: "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

Jill Buckley

The Offertory

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

Callahan

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 10:13-16

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Thy Name Is Love”  
Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

Hopkins

O Jesus Lord, who died for me.  
I hear thy whisper in my heart.  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,  
pure Universal Love thou art:  
to me, to all, thy mercies move,  
thy nature, and thy name is Love.  
My prayer hath power with God;  
the grace unspeakable now I receive;  
through faith I see thee face to face, and live!  
In vain I have not wept and strove  
thy nature and thy name is Love.  
I know thee, Savior, who thou art,  
Jesus, the feeble sinner’s friend;  
nor wilt thou with the night depart,  
but stay and love me to the end:  
thy mercies never shall remove,  
thy nature, and thy name is Love.

The Sermon

“On Loving God Unconditionally” 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.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

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

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

**Halloween Party at the Youth House:**

**Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m.** Scary awesome!

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**Brumfield House**

**October 7**  
Joe Sims

**October 14**  
Crisler Boone

**October 21**  
Tom Starling

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**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.*

**CULTURE CHANGE & CONTEXT**

**Tonight**

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.

**The History and Practices of Denominations**

**October 10, 17 & 24, 2021**

**On October 10,** Chuck will explore the early history of denominations.  
**On October 17 & 24,** a panel of clergy from different denominations will help us explore a range of denominational thought & our common ground.

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**October 10**

**Chapel Coordinators**  
Lora & Brock Maples  
**Firecrackers**  
Amanda & Trey Clark  
**Sparklers**  
Lanna & Will Daniels

**October 17**

**Firecrackers**  
Natalie & Drew Levanway  
**Sparklers**  
Ceejaye & Mitch Peters

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, October 4**

**Cooks:**

Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb

**Drivers:**

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

**Wednesday, October 20**

**Cooks**

Judy Rankin  
Sara Hays  
Missy Caver

**Drivers:**


Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames  
Rt. 2 Bill & Suzanne Boone

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**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:**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Anne Peters, a member of Northminster since 1977. Christian sympathy is extended to Mike Peters, 204 Eastbrooke II, Jackson, MS 39216, and also to Mitch, Ceejaye, Anna Mitchell, Elizabeth and Eleanor Peters; Sam, Courtney, Savannah, and Marshall Peters; and all of Anne’s family and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Lottie Boggan, 15 Gleneagles Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, on the death of Lottie's granddaughter, Lindsay Lee Boggan.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Nineteenth 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 Crisler Boone.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Steve and Melissa Godbold.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Steve and Melissa Godbold.  
The Liturgist for October is Holly Wiggs.  
The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street and John Tingle.  
The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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**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**

Fulfilled, and glad to follow  
wherever Christ may lead,  
We journey from the table  
to love a world in need  
With patience, truth, and kindness,  
that justice may increase  
And all may sit at table  
in freedom, joy, and peace.

-Brian Wren

\*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.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Largo”

Handel

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

**The Lectionary passages for October 3 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 ~ pages 392-393  
Psalm 26 ~ page 437  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 ~ pages 970-971  
Mark 10:2-16~ page 822

**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.