

**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  
Wider Net Ministry Coordinator

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

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 28**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Room  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace, Guys 456

**Monday, November 29**

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

**Tuesday, November 30**

5:30 p.m. Special Gifts Committee, L/CR

**Wednesday, December 1**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

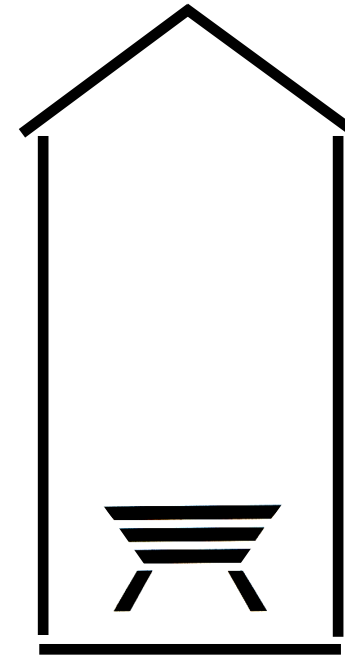
**Saturday, December 4**

9:00 a.m. Pack for Boarding Homes, GH  
9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

**Sunday, December 5**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Room  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
1:00 p.m. Boarding Homes, GH  
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, YH  
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace, Guys 456

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

One Sunday between Thanksgiving and Advent I was worshipping in Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. As the congregation joined in singing the last hymn, I noticed a profusion of dialectic accents. Mixed with native Bostonian vowels, I could distinguish German, Middle European, British, Hispanic, Kenyan. I turned to see that I was surrounded by worshipers from other countries, many in native dress. I do not know what meeting brought them all together, but from their singing I could tell that they were all ardent believers, and they were not afraid for the world to know. Could this have been something like John's *Revelation*, this gathering of Christ-worshipers from various corners of the world? Perhaps, while we still are experiencing the first Advent, on that cold morning in Boston, God gifted me with a glimpse of the second. Lord Jesus, come soon!

**NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
November 28, 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

How wonderful are your remembrances, O God! In the midst of this pandemic, besieged by international tensions and political strife, our calendars remind us that richness and beauty remain amid your promises. Among these days, we are given special days to honor; Christ the King, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, the Lord's Baptism, and Epiphany. Fill our worship with the richness of these days, and may our lives show evidence of these blessings.

The Prelude "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Bach

The Introit "Advent Message" How

\*The Processional Hymn No. 135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *HYFRYDOL*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

\*The Advent Banner Celia Stribling

\*The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope Parkes Denton

\*The Litany of Praise Doug Boone

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift our souls to you, O God.

**People: Help us to know your ways, and lead us in your paths;**

Leader: For you are the God of our salvation, and you have sent us  
the promise of redemption.

**All: Therefore, on this Advent morning, help us make our lives  
ready for the gifts of change and renewal that Jesus will bring.**

-Psalm 25, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Doug Boone

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**  
**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**December 5**

**Firecrackers**

Whitney & Slates Veazey

**Sparklers**

Kim & Kyle Watson

**December 12**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

**Firecrackers & Sparklers**

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, December 6**

**Cooks:**

Becky Wooley  
Wanda Johnson  
Susan O'Mara

**Drivers:**

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

**Wednesday, December 15**

**Cooks**

Rose Mary Porter  
Shirley Geary  
Jan Stewart

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames  
Rt. 2 Brooks & Thomas Elfert

**Monday, December 27**

**Cooks**

Gail Poole  
Lawanna McLennan  
Faye Barham

**Drivers:**

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

## Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, December 7 ~ 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in December 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.

### BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL

*For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.*

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and a gift. On Sunday, December 5, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire church family, including all ages, to participate in missions together. Help us to serve those living in Personal Care Homes.

#### You can help by:

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack
- Baking Cookies
- Showing up on December 5 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble gifts and deliver

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 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, December 8.

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

### Coffee for Salt and Light

Premium Honduran coffee is currently for sale at \$10 per bag. Proceeds will help fund expenses of Sal Y Luz Ministry in Honduras.

To purchase please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590. Jann will deliver to your home.

Please make checks payable to Salt and Light Ministries (no cash please).

### Brumfield House

#### December 2

Bo Allen

#### December 9

Bryan Bridges

#### December 16

Thomas Elfert

#### December 23

Skipper Jernigan

#### December 30

Mike Peters

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Emma Kate Poole

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Emma Kate, we share in your joy today. Your profession of "Jesus is Lord" has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ's example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ's service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

### CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"Help us to recognize our shame, our poverty, our foolishness, our emptiness, our weakness, that we may know our need of you. And then, become incarnate in us."  
-Paul A. Richardson

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 167 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *PICARDY*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!"

\*The Offertory Prayer

Doug Boone

The Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Portman

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Major Treadway

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

The Anthem "Light of the World" Marrolli  
 Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.  
 Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.  
 Christ in your glory, come to light the way;  
 Teach us how to follow.  
 Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.  
 Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.  
 Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love.  
 Teach us how to follow!  
 We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.  
 We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.  
 Christ, in your image, we will greet the world;  
 This is how we follow.  
 Light of our days, we feel your call.  
 Send forth your light!  
 Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one.  
 We will always follow!

The Sermon "On Staying Ready for the Last Day" 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**

May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father when Jesus arrives with all his followers.

-I Thessalonians 3:13

The Sounding of the Call Monica Daniels

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 271 "Christ Is Coming!" CWM RHONDDA

Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;  
 let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;  
 Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!  
 (Prince of Peace!) Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

We can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;  
 we shall yet behold your glory in your coming back to reign;  
 Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.  
 (sing the strain.) Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung;  
 let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
 Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!  
 (quickly come!) Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Manz

\*The congregation will please stand.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Stewpot: Saturday, December 4, 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.

**Boarding Homes: Sunday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.**

Join Northminster in the Great Hall to assemble and deliver bags. The Youth House will be open starting at 3:30 p.m. (following the delivery of the Boarding Home bags). We'll put *Elf* on the screen and hang out in anticipation of the Christmas Party.

**Christmas Party: Sunday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.**

White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Youth House! Throw on your ugliest Christmas Sweater and come to the Youth House. Bring a wrapped gift that cost you less than \$10.

**Spring Break Trip: March 12 - 17, Portland, Oregon.**

Come explore the great Pacific Northwest. We'll visit a waterfall nearly twice as tall as the tallest building in Jackson; we'll go catch some crabs at the Pacific Coast (then eat them); we'll spend time volunteering; and we'll do some urban exploring. You won't want to miss this unforgettable experience. Cost: \$500 (cost should not prevent anyone from attending - assistance is available) Sign up with Major by December 1.

**NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree is in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. You may stop by the church to get an angel any-time the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are uncomfortable or unable to do so, but would like to financially adopt an angel.

Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Let's provide Christmas cheer for all of Northminster's angels.

**Wednesday, December 15, is the last day to bring gifts.**

Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Children's Living Nativity**

The children will rehearse on Sunday mornings, December 5, 12, and 19 from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room.

\*We will gather at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve to prepare and present the Living Nativity.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Beginning January 1, 2022, we are in need of two new drivers for Meals on Wheels. Drivers need to be at the church by 10:30 a.m. on their designated days to pick up boxed meals and deliver them. This normally takes an hour to an hour and a half. We only deliver on the first and fourth Mondays and the third Wednesday of each month. You would be driving two to three times in a six month period. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375 or 601-954-7977. You may also call the church office at 601-982-4703.

**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:**

Emily Smith 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 | Libby McGee       |
| Anne Brawley     |               |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

The Lectionary passages for November 28 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ page 645  
Psalm 25:1-10 ~ page 436  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13 ~ page 960  
Luke 21:25-36 ~ pages 856-857

**Musician for today:**  
Shellie Kemp, *violin*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent**, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. The color purple reflects the Advent themes of confession and repentance as we “prepare the way of the Lord.”

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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 Kirk Sims.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Faye Barham.  
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Joan Haynie.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Faye Barham, Steve Godbold, Annette Hitt and Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Carolyn McIntyre and Helen Turner.  
The Liturgist for November is Richard Joiner.  
The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.  
The Flowers for November are provided by Becky Frame, Kandy Sims, Kathryn Davis and Lisa Kelly.  
The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.  
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.  
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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**POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to provide a poinsettia in the sanctuary as a memorial or in honor of someone during Advent, please complete a poinsettia insert that will be in your worship bulletins **Sunday, December 5** and place it in the offering plate or simply stop by the church office and complete an information form. You may also send an e-mail to: [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org) (\$10 per poinsettia ordered) - **deadline to receive information is Monday, December 6.**

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The Worship and Music Committee has prepared  
***The Season of Advent Devotional Guide 2021***

These worship guides for personal and family worship are available throughout the church and a digital copy can be downloaded from the Northminster website during the Advent season. Please feel free to take copies for your family and friends as needed.