

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, December 19

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Room
9:15 a.m. Church-wide Christmas Breakfast, GH
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

Monday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 22

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

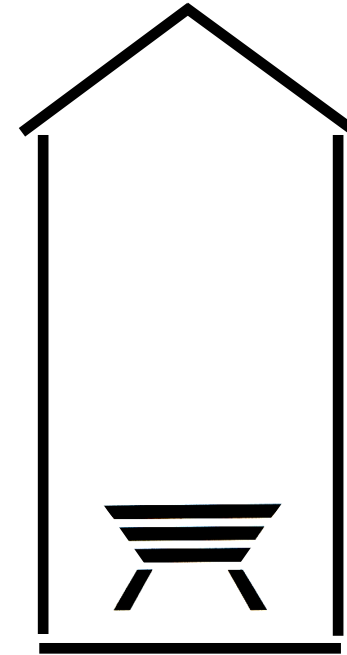
Friday, December 24

Church Office Closed

4:30 p.m. Living Nativity
5:00 p.m. Pre-service Music
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 26

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“The shepherds heard the voice
of an angel and found their
Lamb; the magi saw the light of
a star and found their Wisdom.”

-Fulton John Sheen, *adapted*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 19, 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

“To travel the road to Bethlehem is to keep a rendezvous with wonder, to answer the call of wisdom, and to bow the knee in worship.”

-John A. Knight

The Prelude “O Hail This Brightest Day of Days” Bach

The Introit “Advent Message” How

*Come, Lord Jesus, Amen come, Lord Jesus,
 O come quickly come Lord Jesus!
 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord;
 Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!
 Come, Lord Jesus, Yea come quickly. Amen.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 152 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high
 sweetly singing o'er the plains
 and the mountains in reply
 echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 Say, what may the tidings be
 which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain:

Come to Bethlehem, and see
 him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain:

See within a manger laid
 Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
 sing with us our Savior's birth.

Refrain:

*The Advent Banner Anna Mitchell Peters

*The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Love Madeleine Wylie

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

December 26

Firecrackers

Weatherly & Becker Sams

Sparklers

Taylor & Justin Beard

January 2

Firecrackers

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Sparklers

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

January 9

Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

Sparklers

Kelly & Josh Guyton

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, December 27**

**Cooks**

Gail Poole

Lawana McLennan

Faye Barham

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams

Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

**Monday, January 3**

**Cooks:**

Lisa Cobb

Annette Hitt

Becky Wooley

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

## STUDENT NEWS:

### Sunday Nights at the Youth House: January 9, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House start back. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer, and fellowship.

### MLK Service Day:

**Monday, January 17.** Time to be together, to serve and to reflect.

### Super Bowl Party:

**Sunday February 6, 5:00 p.m.**

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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.

Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 23 through Sunday, March 6
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Library

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601.927.0259 or email lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, January 7 ~ 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, January 5.**

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

***We will also have Parents' Night Out:
February 4 and March 4.***

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, January 11 ~ 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in January 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.

Brumfield House

December 23

Skipper Jernigan

December 30

Mike Peters

*The Litany of Praise

Bailey Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts,

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;

People: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

Leader: The one whom you made strong for yourself.

People: Then we will never turn back from you, give us life and we will call on your name.

ALL: Restore us, O Lord and let your face shine, that we may be saved.

-Psalm 80, *adapted*

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Bailey Blount

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Kayla Jernigan

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Kayla, 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

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"The Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness."

-The Book of Common Prayer

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 171 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *MENDELSSOHN*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven form Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

*The Offertory Prayer Bailey Blount

The Offertory "Pastorale on *Sussex Carol*" Callahan

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDRETH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 1:39-55 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Daron, Jan and Tori Wilson on the death of Daron's sister-in-law, Caren Wilson.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Emily Smith	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	Robbie Cross	

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth 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 Jeff Stancill.

The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Faye Barham, Steve Godbold, Annette Hitt and Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver of the Week is Annette Hitt.

The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.

The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service

Friday, December 24
5:30 p.m.

Pre-service music begins
at 5:00 p.m.

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The church office  
will be closed  
Friday, December 24,  
and Monday, December 27.

For pastoral care needs,  
please call 601-259-7993.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me."

- Isaiah 6:8

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 170 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *CAROL*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Swiss Noel" Daquin

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for December 19 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Micah 5:2-5a ~ pages 756-757  
Luke 1:47-55 ~ page 832  
Psalm 80:1-7 ~ pages 470-471  
Hebrews 10:5-10 ~ page 976  
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55) ~ pages 831-832

**Musician for today:**

Billy Trotter, *organ*

The Anthem

"Christmas Day"

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Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:  
Ox and ass before Him bow, And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!

God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from woe and sin, when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He had oped the heav'nly door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly, let your songs of gladness ring;  
In a stable lies the Holy, in a manger rests the King:  
See, in Mary's arms reposing, Christ by highest heav'n adored:  
Come, your circle round Him closing, Pious hearts that love the Lord.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station Robes the Child your hearts adore:  
He the Lord of all salvation, Shares your want, is weak and poor:  
Oxen, round about behold them; Rafters naked, cold and bare,  
See the shepherds, God has told them that the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry, this one child your model make;  
Christmas holly, leaf, and berry, All the prized for His dear sake;  
Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender, come, ye spirits, keen and bold;  
All in all your homage render, weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining, and the Wisemen haste from far:  
Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining: For you all has ris'n the star.  
Let us bring our poor oblations, thanks to love and faith and praise:  
Come, ye people, come, ye nations, all in all draw nigh to gaze.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one, and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall: Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Shirley Foster, *soprano*  
Pam Steadman, *mezzo*  
Farrar Strum *tenor*  
Richard Joiner, *bass*

The Sermon

"Luke's Jesus"

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.