

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

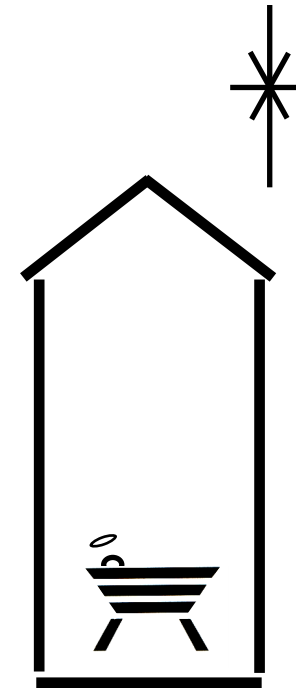
Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

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 26**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**Monday, December 27**  
*Church Office Closed*  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
**Tuesday, December 28**  
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR  
**Friday, December 31**  
*Church Office Closed*  
6:00 p.m. Reflection and Communion, Sanctuary  
**Sunday, January 2**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to all!”

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *adapted*

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The First Sunday of Christmastide**  
December 26, 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

“God is a spirit; and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”

-John 4:24

The Prelude “O Magnum Mysterium” Lauridsen

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 174 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” *REGENT SQUARE*

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:*

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new born King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:

*Refrain:*

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of Nations,  
ye have seen his natal star:

*Refrain:*

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear.

*Refrain:*

Though an infant now we view him  
he will share his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him,  
every knee shall then bow down.

*Refrain:*

\*The Advent Banner

Charlotte Poole

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**Vesper Service**  
**January 9 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

Since 2004, Northminster has offered an annual evening service at which those who wish may receive baptism. For 2022, this opportunity will be offered on the evening of Baptism of the Lord Sunday, which falls on January 9.

If you wish to receive baptism in a smaller setting than our Sunday morning worship hour, this may be an opportunity you will wish to consider. To have a conversation about baptism on the evening of January 9, please call one of the pastors before the end of the year.

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**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.

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**Brumfield House**

**December 30**

Mike Peters

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

**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.**

### **Youth Sunday and Dessert Auction : Sunday February 20.**

The Youth will teach Sunday School throughout the church and lead worship. Following the worship service, the congregation will be invited to enjoy a lunch in the Great Hall and bid on desserts donated. This is the only fundraiser for the Youth throughout the year. For now, put a hold on that date on your calendar and begin dreaming of what delicious dessert you want to create for the auction.

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## **New Year's Eve**

Reflection and Communion

Friday, December 31

6:00-7:00 p.m. ~ in the Sanctuary

*Childcare will be available.*

The sanctuary will be open for one hour on New Year's Eve for a time of quiet reflection and guided meditation. Communion will be served to those who wish to participate.

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## **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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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## **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.***

### **\*The Litany of Praise**

Eddie Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Praise the Lord;

**People: Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise the Lord in mighty firmament.

**People: Praise the Lord according to the surpassing greatness of God.**

Leader: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance;

**People: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals!**

**ALL: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

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

*MEINEKE*

### **\*The Prayer of Invocation**

Eddie Mahaffey

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

"The measure of a Christian is not in the height of our grasp but in the depth of our love."

*-Clarence Jordan, adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

### **\*The Offertory Hymn No. 169 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

*W ZLOBIE LEZY*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing,  
tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new saw the glory,  
heard the story, tiding of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

### **\*The Offertory Prayer**

Eddie Mahaffey

The Offertory

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hudson

### **\*The Doxology**

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 2:41-52 Charles Poole  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**  
The Anthem "Mary's Slumber Song" Hamblen  
Gwen Anderson, *soprano*  
The Sermon "Thank You, Beth Israel" 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**

"God is in our midst; God is now here. In God we live and move and have our being. Our very bodies become God's temples, and our lives must be daily fashioned after the pattern of God's presence."

-J C. Masee, *adapted*

\*The Recessional 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 Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" Burkhardt

\*The congregation will please stand.

**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:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emileigh and Brennan Williams, 239 Dogwood Trace, Brandon, MS 39042, on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Joyce Williams. Eleanor is also welcomed by Steve and Zina Bass and Audrey and Tommy Pritchard.

Roger Stribling is recovering after surgery.

**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 First Sunday of Christmastide;** a twelve-day celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the incarnation of God in the life of Christ. The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.

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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 Paul Smith.  
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Chair for January is Faye Barham.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Faye Barham, Steve Godbold, Annette Hitt and Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Nancy Bourn.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Faye Barham.  
The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.  
The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.

The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.  
The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.  
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.  
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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The church office  
will be closed  
Monday, December 27.  
For pastoral care needs,  
please call 601-259-7993.

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## POINSETTIAS

*Lovingly given by*

Gail and John England in honor of Elizabeth Triplett  
Kelley and M'lee Williams in honor of Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams  
M'lee Williams in honor of Kelley Williams, Jr.  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Judy and Guy Parker  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Anne and Bob Blackmon  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Chuck and Marcia Poole  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Sheila Hess  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Geri and Preston Smith  
Elizabeth and Stewart Boone in honor of Suzanne and Bill Boone  
Elizabeth and Stewart Boone in honor of Sandra and Girault Jones  
Samuel Sanders and Harper Reid in honor of Bobbie Jean Sanders  
Suzanne and Bill Boone in honor of Doug, Crisler, Will and Sam Boone  
Suzanne and Bill Boone in honor of Stewart, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Thomas Boone  
Suzanne and Bill Boone in honor of Elizabeth, Kip and Ben Bowen  
Patsy Caraway in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bond  
Trey and Amanda Clark in honor of Patty Clark  
Amy and George Williams in honor of Jean and Kelley Williams  
Rush and Kathy Miller in honor of Megan, Hart, Madeleine and Mary Gilbert Wylie  
Lori Quarles in honor of Martha Quarles

**The Lectionary passages for December 26 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 ~ pages 214-215

Psalm 148 ~ page 508

Colossians 3:12-17 ~ page 958

Luke 2:41-52 ~ pages 833-834

**Musician for today:**

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

## POINSETTIAS

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Lawana and Devere McLennan in memory of Anne Mitchell Peters  
Mims and Kelsey McLennan in memory of Anne Mitchell Peters  
Kelly and Josh Guyton in memory of Anne Mitchell Peters  
Milly and Hamilton Cort in memory of Anne Mitchell Peters  
Lisa Harvey in memory of Lucian Harvey, Jr.  
Brian, Ramsey, Ann Arrington, Carter and Cruise Long in memory of  
Ann Arrington Cruise  
Cindy and Jeff Wilson in memory of Inez and Dudley Wilson  
Cindy and Jeff Wilson in memory of Dorothy and Kinton Polk  
Rebecca Black in memory of Marion Black  
Rebecca Black in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Lovelace  
Gail and John England in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jim England  
John and Gayla Purvis in memory of George and Jan Purvis  
John and Gayla Purvis in memory of Richard and Ruth Ballard  
Sherry and Amanda Milam in memory of Dr. John B. Milam  
Sherry and Amanda Milam in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards  
Sherry and Amanda Milam in memory of Dr. John T. Milam  
Sherry and Amanda Milam in memory of Helen Milam  
Sherry and Amanda Milam in memory of Lynn Milam Granberry  
Billy and Annette Trotter in memory of Tom and Maurice Gregory  
Billy and Annette Trotter in memory of Rosemary Harrison  
Chris and Luke Dove in memory of Marlane C. Dove  
Chris and Luke Dove in memory of Murray and Elma Dove  
Chris and Luke Dove in memory of Bernard and Lillyan Chill  
Mary Sue Douglas in memory of Gerald Eugene Douglas  
Mike, Mitch and Sam Peters in memory of Anne Peters  
Shirley and Jack Geary in memory of W.C. and LaVerne Hester  
Shirley and Jack Geary in memory of Arnot and Luta Geary  
Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre in memory of W.R. and Elizabeth Newman  
Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre in memory of John and Anne McIntyre  
Becky and Guy Parker in memory of Anne Peters  
Becky and Guy Parker in memory of Roger Friou  
Becky and Guy Parker in memory of Leland Speed  
Becky and Guy Parker in memory of Pat Welsh  
Becky and Guy Parker in memory of Lucian Harvey  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Lawrence and Merle Crumpton and  
Sandra Gayle Crumpton  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Felicita Rosario Smith and Jason Louis Smith  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Louis Ezra and Dorothy Sawyer Smith  
Ann Vickery and Lisa Kelly in memory of Harry Edwin Vickery  
Anna Katherine and Ron Scott in memory of Helen Elizabeth Scott  
Anna Katherine and Ron Scott in memory of Lt. Col. Lloyd William Scott  
Anna Katherine and Ron Scott in memory of Frederick Raymond Clark  
Anna Katherine and Ron Scott in memory of Robert Abide Malouf, Jr.  
Anna Katherine and Ron Scott in memory of Elizabeth Ann Clark  
Anne McCaslin and Parker Snow, Rollins Parker and Becca and Jake Fugett in memory  
of Anne Peters  
Lee and Kathryn Sams in memory of Mary Helen Sams  
Lee and Kathryn Sams in memory of Carr Sams  
Lee and Kathryn Sams in memory of Kathryn Becker  
Lee and Kathryn Sams in memory of Jim Becker

Barbara Harris Webb in memory of Dr. Henry "Hal" Webb  
Barbara Harris Webb in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harris  
Barbara Harris Webb in memory of Ted C. Harris, Jr.  
Samuel Sanders and Harper Reid in memory of Bill Sanders  
Samuel Sanders and Harper Reid in memory of Jim Sanders  
George and Jann Puckett in memory of Janet Griffith  
Joe M. Rankin and June Rankin in memory of Laton and Louise Tutor  
Joe M. Rankin and June Rankin in memory of Douglas and Bobbie Rankin  
Patsy Caraway in memory of Natie P. Caraway  
Charles and Lee Parrott in memory of Jack Sweat  
Charles and Lee Parrott in memory of Betty Shirley  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parke Street  
Susie Friou in memory of Stephen Bishop Street, Sr.  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Friou, Sr.  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. Roger P. Friou, Jr.  
Patrick W. Welsh and Jean R. Welsh in memory of Pat Welsh  
Patrick W. Welsh and Jean R. Welsh in memory of Bro Ridgway  
Patrick W. Welsh and Jean R. Welsh in memory of Donald Seago  
Patrick W. Welsh and Jean R. Welsh in memory of Andrew Seago  
Patrick W. Welsh and Jean R. Welsh in memory of Monty Chotard  
Monica and Rose Daniels and Anne Brawley in memory of  
Callie Amanda Ivy Daniels-Bryant  
Monica and Rose Daniels and Anne Brawley in memory of Virgil Brawley  
Trey and Amanda Clark in memory of Dr. Alton Cobb  
Trey and Amanda Clark in memory of Anna Carol Clark  
George and Mary Elizabeth Smith in memory of Bro Ridgway  
George and Mary Elizabeth Smith in memory of Pat Welsh  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Lillian Norene Shaul  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Clementine and Henry Brown  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Norene and Tom Thames  
Luke, Jake and Matt Warren in memory of Jim Warren  
Amy and George Williams in memory of Beth Breland  
Lori Quarles in memory of John Quarles