

**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 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

**Monday, December 6**

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

**Tuesday, December 7**

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH  
5:30 p.m. Missions Committee, L/CR

**Wednesday, December 8**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Friday, December 10**

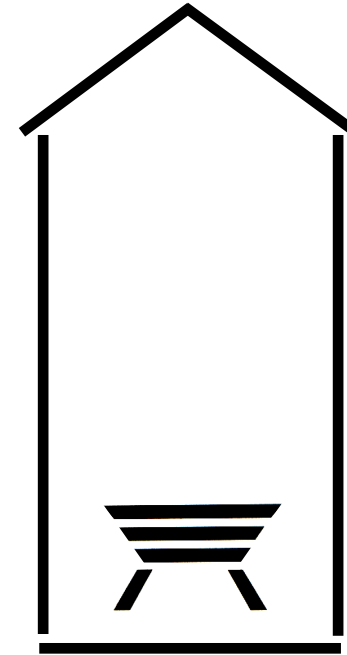
11:00 a.m. Spann Kindergarten Caroling  
6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

**Saturday, December 11**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 12**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Room  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Lessons and Carols  
11:30 a.m. Deacons' Luncheon  
3:30 p.m. Caroling, YH  
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace, Guys 456



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“When remembrance of God lives in the heart and there maintains the fear of the Lord, then all is well; but when this remembrance grows weak or is kept only in our head, then all goes astray.”

-Theophan the Recluse, *adapted*

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
 December 5, 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

“The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never to forget the presence of Christ.”

-William Barclay

The Prelude “Prepare the Way, O Zion” Wood

The Introit “Advent Message” How

\*The Processional Hymn No. 133 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *VENI EMMANUEL*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
 from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave.

*Refrain:*

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
 and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

*Refrain:*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

*Refrain:*

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven’s peace.

\*The Advent Banner Watts Everett

\*The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace Elise Williams

\*The Litany of Praise Rush Miller

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise.**

Leader: Let us worship and bow down,

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,**

**ALL: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God.**

-Psalm 95, adapted

**Brumfield House**

**December 9**

Bryan Bridges

**December 16**

Thomas Elfert

**December 23**

Skipper Jernigan

**December 30**

Mike Peters

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**  
**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**December 12**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

**Firecrackers & Sparklers**

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

**December 19**

**Firecrackers**

Laura & Patrick Taylor

**Sparklers**

Rob & Sandra Triplett

**December 26**

**Firecrackers**

Weatherly & Becker Sams

**Sparklers**

Taylor & Justin Beard

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, December 6**

**Cooks:**

Becky Wooley

Wanda Johnson

Susan O’Mara

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Gayla & John Purvis

Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

**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

## 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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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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.

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Rush Miller

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Malachi 3:1-4  
Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

"I love the Lord, for the Lord has heard me, and listened to my prayer."

-Palm 116:1

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

### **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 "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

Rush Miller

The Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Ev'ry Valley" Beck  
 Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low;  
 and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.  
 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,  
 and all flesh shall see it together;  
 for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.  
 Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low,  
 and the crooked straight, and the rough places plain,  
 and all flesh shall see it together.  
 For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
 and all flesh shall see it together;  
 For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen

The Sermon "On Holding One Another in Our Hearts" 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:**

**Boarding Homes: Today, 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: Today, 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.

**Caroling: Sunday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.**

We will gather with the 4th-6th graders at the Youth House and go sing Christmas Carols before ending up at Sal and Mookies to share a meal together. We will return to the church by 6:30 p.m.

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**BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION  
 TODAY ~ 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
- Baking Cookies
- Showing up today at 1:00 p.m. to assemble gifts and deliver

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**Children's Living Nativity**

The children will rehearse on Sunday mornings, December 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.

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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 is in your worship bulletin 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** (\$10 per poinsettia ordered) -  
**deadline to receive information is Monday, December 6.**

**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:**

Mary Lee is hospitalized at Baptist.

Jean Welsh is recovering after surgery.

Emily Smith is recovering after surgery.

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Second 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 Jennifer Stribling.

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 Steve Godbold.

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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**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.

**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**

“Plato located the soul in the head; Christ located it in the heart.”

-St. Jerome, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” Hudson

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for December 5 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Malachi 3:1-4 ~ page 778  
 Luke 1:68-79 ~ page 832  
 Philippians 1:3-11 ~ page 953  
 Luke 3:1-6 ~ page 834