

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, January 30

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Guys' Scavenger Hunt
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
6:30 p.m. LRP Conversation, GH

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Study, Zoom
6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH
7:00 p.m. 9th/10th Stewminster vs St. Matthews

Wednesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 3

8:00 p.m. 11th/12th Stewminster vs Ridgecrest

Friday, February 4

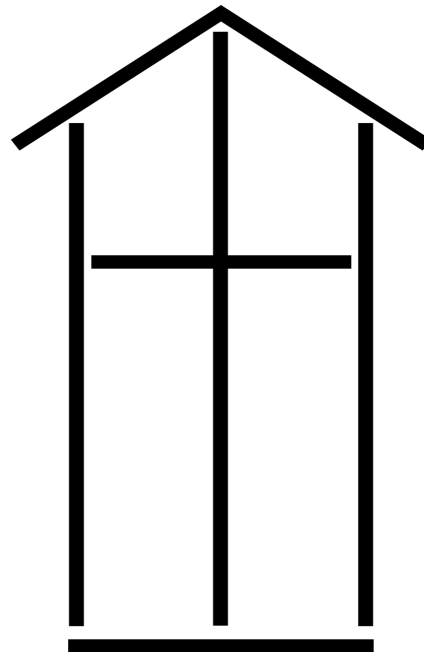
6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

Saturday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, February 6

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

They drew a circle that shut me out
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took them in!

-Edwin Markham

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 January 30, 2022
 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

Love is big enough to offer belonging to every human soul, not because everyone is like us or even necessarily likeable, but because love is big enough to include everyone.

-Quest For Meaning

The Prelude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Travis

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Yarrington

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
 Serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his presence with a song,
 Bless the Lord!*

*The Processional Hymn No. 745 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 does its successive journeys run;
 his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
 and endless praises crown his head;
 his name like sweet perfume shall rise
 with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
 dwell on his love with sweetest song,
 and infant voices shall proclaim
 their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
 the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
 the weary find eternal rest,
 and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let all the people rise and bring
 their special honors to our King;
 angels descend with songs again
 and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Sacred Ground:

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith Beginning During Lent

Every other Friday beginning March 4 through May 6 from noon to 1:00 on Zoom

In partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, we invite you to join us for Sacred Ground, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, developed by the Episcopal Church and hosted by Kathy Woodliff and Rev. Katie Bradshaw.

"Sacred Ground" is a six-part series built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary film and readings that focus on indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. While the course is largely film-based, there are some reading assignments from *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The readings are spread out over the length of the course.

Throughout the course we will be building our capacity to learn and grow in love with deep listening and mindful speech. Participants will be invited to offer brief reflections and deep dive into areas of interest. The sessions will be grounded in prayer/meditation and limited to 30 participants. It is our hope to offer a safe space and provide opportunities for timely conversations about race and faith. All are welcome.

For further information or to sign up, please contact Lesley Ratcliff at 601-927-0259 or lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, February 4 ~ 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, February 2.**

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

***We will also have Parents' Night Out:***

*March 4, April 8, May 13*

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Brumfield House

February 3

Joe Sims

February 10

Josh Poole

February 17

Jennifer Stribling

February 24

Bryan Bridges

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**February 6**

**Firecrackers**

Christine & Bryan Bridges

**Sparklers**

Amy & Matt Thames

## Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m.

In the Great Hall

### MENU:

Red beans & Rice ~ Savory Green Salad  
French Bread ~ Bread Pudding ~ Iced Tea

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Adult Studies ~ Sunday Evenings 5:30 p.m.

February 6, 20, 27 & March 6 ~ Great Hall

Multi-Generational Conversations about “Stuff” We Care About

On February 6, we will hear from Lida Caraway about Generations, what shaped them and how that affects their values and communication. The remaining weeks we will have multi-generational panels discussing caretaking, race & relationships.

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## Northminster Essentials

Sundays through 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 601-982-4703 or email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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Northminster Women’s Retreat 2022

Friday, February 11 – Sunday, February 13

Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, MS

We will listen to each other’s stories, participate in guided spiritual practices and deepen our friendships with one another.

Cost: \$175 per person; \$250 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending.

If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

The deadline to sign up is February 6.

For questions or for more details, contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-927-0259.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, February 7

#### Cooks

Patsy Caraway  
Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady

#### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O’Mara  
Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

### \*The Litany of Praise

Cecelia Stearman

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship, our home away from home.

**People: We come to add our voices to the chorus of praise raised to you by wind and water, and all the life upon the land!**

Leader: We come, as we are, distracted and weary, hopeful and open, knowing that you accept us, and are ever mindful of our cares and joys.

**People: Still in us now the many voices which clamor for our attention, that we may center ourselves upon you.**

**ALL: Speak to us of life, in word, melody and silence, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service.**

-Ann B. Day, *adapted*

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

MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Cecelia Stearman

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Most high, glorious God,

Enlighten our minds.

Give us a right faith, a firm hope, and perfect love,

So that we may always, and in all things, act according to your holy will.

Amen

-St Francis of Assisi, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 115 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADER’S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish,

thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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| *The Offertory Prayer |                                      | Cecelia Stearman |
| The Offertory         | “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” | Wood             |
| *The Doxology         |                                      | OLD HUNDREDTH    |

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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| The Gospel | Luke 4:21-30                    | Charles Poole |
| Leader:    | This is the Gospel of the Lord. |               |
| People:    | <b>Thanks be to God.</b>        |               |
| The Anthem | “Lord Jesus, Gentle Savior”     | Pelz          |

Lord Jesus gentle Savior My Shepherd, Guardian Friend,  
oh take the hand I offer and lead me till the end.  
Without Thee I would falter without Thee I would stray.  
Oh take my hand I pray Thee and lead me all the way.

I have no strength O Savior be Thou my strength I pray.  
Alone my footsteps wander be Thou my strength I pray.  
No friend I have beside Thee to whom Lord shall I go?  
Thou has the words eternal to guide my steps below.

Thou art my only Savior My Master and my King.  
Accept the heart I offer Accept the praise I bring,  
until I reach the portal of Thy best fold above  
And join with choirs immortal to sing Thy wondrous love. *Amen.*

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| The Sermon | “Love Never Ends” | Charles Poole |
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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.

### STUDENT NEWS:

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

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

#### Stewminster Basketball:

9th/10th Grade team: **Tuesday, February 1 @ 7:00 p.m.**

11th/12th Grade team: **Thursday, February 3 @ 8:00 p.m.**

**Stewpot:** Saturday, February 5, 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.

**Super Bowl Party:** Sunday February 13. 5:00 p.m. - conclusion of the halftime show.

Come to watch the game, come to watch the commercials, or come to eat. Just come. We'll have the first half of the game on, some related games, and lots of food to eat.

**Youth Sunday:** Sunday February 20. Northminster Youth will lead in Sunday School and worship. On **Sundays, February 6 and 13**, in Sunday School, we will focus on preparing for Youth Sunday. Please make every effort to be there so that you can be prepared for Youth Sunday.

**Mystery Trip:** June 9-14. Five days of a mysteriously good time. Minimal details forthcoming. Email Major to sign-up. Embrace the Mystery!

**Passport:** July 10-16. Summer camp in Berea, KY. A week filled with games, songs, small groups, prayer, volleyball, and energizers. Email Major to sign-up. Cost: \$425. (Cost should never be a barrier to participation. If you feel like it is, please talk with Major.)

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Guys' Scavenger Hunt

Today ~ 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

First through 6th grade guys are invited to

join us for a scavenger hunt and snack **today**.

We'll meet at the Northminster Playground to start the hunts!

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#### **ANNUAL LUNCHEON and DESSERT AUCTION!**

**Sunday, February 20**

**11:45 a.m. ~ Great Hall**

You are invited to our annual luncheon and dessert auction immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, February 20**. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Lunch will be catered, followed by the dessert auction hosted by the youth group. Adults and youth within the congregation provide desserts to be sold, with the proceeds supporting the retreats and projects of the youth group. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the youth.

**If you would like to provide a dessert for the auction, please email Major Treadway, [major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org) or contact the church office, 601-982-4703.**

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Women's Book Study

Tuesdays, through February 22

10:00 am on Zoom or 6:00-8:00 pm GH

This semester's book is Sue Monk Kidd's *The Book of Longings*, narrated by Ana, the fictional wife of Jesus. We will engage with the book's surprising and deeply moving content, and also explore Bible passages that correspond to the reading.

A light supper will be provided on Tuesday evenings for \$8 per person.

Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or

lesley@northminsterbaptist.org with questions or to sign up.

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 Richard and Gail Poole on the death of Richard's brother, Paul Sumrall Poole.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to James and Annette Hitt on the death of James' mother, Margaret Marie Hitt; and also to Megan and Anthony, Kelsey and Katy Mayhan; and Marty and Matt Kelly.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Robin and Troy Browning on the death of Robin's sister, Susan Clanan.

Annette Hitt is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Emily Smith	Sue Edwards	Robyn Chunn
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Virginia Hamilton
Libby McGee	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Gorman Schaffer	

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

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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 Thomas Elfert.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Nancy Bourn.

The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Susan O'Mara and Susie Friou.

The Caregiver of the Week is Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for January is Linda McGehee.

The Liturgist for February is Holly Wiggs.

The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.

The Flowers for February are provided by Sylvia Carraway, Kathryn Davis and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.

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**Long Range Planning Committee
Congregational Listening Session:**

**Tonight, 6:30 p.m.: Post-COVID Membership and Activities
Great Hall**

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## **TIME OF RESPONSE**

May we live for all people and care for each other, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

-William Temple, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 669 "God of Grace and God of Glory" *CWM RHONDDA*

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Toccata in Seven" Rutter

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

**The Lectionary passages for January 30 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ~ pages 609-610

Psalm 71:1-6 ~ page 463

I Corinthians 13:1-13 ~ page 934

Luke 4:21-30 ~ pages 835-836