

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, February 13

Women return from retreat

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party, YH

Monday, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 15

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Study, Zoom
4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, Adult Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH
8:00 p.m. 9th/10th Stewminster vs FBCM

Wednesday, February 16

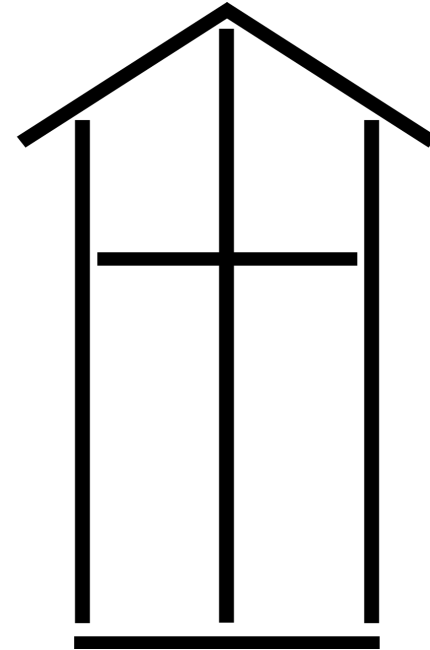
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir, GH

Thursday, February 17

5:30 p.m. Deacon Nominating, L/CR
7:00 p.m. 11th/12th Stewminster vs Colonial

Sunday, February 20

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Youth Sunday
11:30 a.m. Luncheon & Dessert Auction, GH
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Mary Foote Room
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

My faith in God, who is eternally loving and constant even as my understanding grows and changes, makes life not only worth living, but gives me the courage to dare to disturb the universe when that is what [God] calls me to do. Sometimes simply being open, refusing to settle for finite answers, disturbs the universe. Questions are disturbing, especially those which may threaten our traditions, our institutions, our security. But questions never threaten the living God, who is constantly calling us, and who affirms for us that love is stronger than hate, blessing stronger than cursing.

-Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 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

Many voices ask for our attention. There is a voice that says, "Prove that you are a good person," . . . and one that says, "Be sure to become successful, popular, and powerful." But underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, "You are my Beloved, my favor rests on you." That's the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice, however, requires special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

The Prelude "Creator of the Stars of Night" Held

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Yarrington
Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks: for Thy presence is near Thy wondrous works declare.

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

*The Litany of Praise Rebecca Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Happy are we when we bask in the light of the Lord.

People: The leaves of our hearts open in response to the merciful love of God.

Leader: Like trees, we stretch our roots deep in the Word of the Lord.

People: Created in the image of God, we abide in the love of our God.

Leader: Fully nourished by the River of Life, we bring forth fruit in season.

People: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we stand in your holy presence.

ALL: We receive your light. Amen.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Rebecca Wiggs

Brumfield House

February 17

Jennifer Stribling

February 24

Bryan Bridges

March 3

Jeff Wilson

March 10

Joe Sims

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**Growing Up Knowing**

**February 25 & March 25**

These sessions titled "My Body, My Boundaries" will be offered by local non-profit Growing Up Knowing at Northminster. The session on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be for families with children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, and the session on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be for families with children in 3rd through 6th grade.

Sign up with Lesley Ratcliff - [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 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, March 2.**

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out:

April 8, May 13

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, March 8 ~ 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.***

Children who have a birthday in March 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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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

February 20

Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

Sparklers

Ceejaye & Mitch Peters

February 27

Chapel Coordinators

Jennifer & Christian Byrd

Firecrackers

Colby & Chris Kimmel

Sparklers

Cortney & Daniel Greer

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.

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### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Wednesday, February 16

##### Cooks

Missy Caver

Judy Rankin

Sara Hays

##### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2 Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

#### Monday, February 28

##### Cooks

Polly Watkins

Jean Welsh

Helen Turner

##### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Tim & Becky Frame/Gayla Purvis

Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

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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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The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 1  
I Corinthians 15:12-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

O God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, ourselves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love.

Forgive us, compassionate Creator, and grant us the opportunity to start over again in this new week. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.

-Flames of the Spirit

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

### **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 556 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" *ST. CATHERINE*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach,  
no tongue declare; O draw my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine  
alone, I am; be thou alone my constant flame.

O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure  
love alone; O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my  
heart remove; my every act, word, thought, be love.

In suffering be thy love my peace, in weakness be thy  
love my power; and when the storms of life shall cease,  
O Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and  
staff and guide, and draw me safely to thy side!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Rebecca Wiggs

The Offertory "Chorale Prelude on 'The Cross-Formed Life'"

Coker

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Blessed Are Those”

Harlan

Blesse’d are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blesse’d are they who mourn;  
for they will be comforted.

Blesse’d are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth;

and blesse’d are those who thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blesse’d are the merciful,  
for they will have mercy;

and blesse’d are the pure,  
for they will see God.

Blesse’d the makers of peace,  
for they are the children of God;

and blesse’d are those who suffer for righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rejoice and be glad those who sow in tears,  
for they will see God.

The Sermon

“Concerning the Sermon on the Plain”

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.

### STUDENT NEWS:

**Super Bowl Party:** Tonight, 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.

### **Stewminster Basketball:**

9th/10th Grade team: **Tuesday, February 15 @ 8:00 p.m.**

11th/12th Grade team: **Thursday, February 17 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Youth Sunday:** Sunday, February 20. Northminster Youth will lead in Sunday School and worship.

**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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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.

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### **Wednesday Night Supper ~ February 16**

**5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall**

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children  
(12 and under) with a \$20 family maximum.

### **MENU:**

Baked Pork Tenderloin with Mushroom Gravy ~ Rice Consommé

Baby Lima Beans ~ Broccoli Salad ~ Rolls

Assorted Desserts ~ Iced Tea

**Servers:** Kathy Burkhalter, Hilda Boteler, Amy Williams

**Cashiers:** Jo Ann Welch and George Luter

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

February 20, 27 & March 6 ~ Great Hall

Multi-Generational Conversations about “Stuff” We Care About

We heard 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.

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:

Steve Chester is hospitalized at Baptist.

Kathy Miller is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

Fred Johnson 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 Sixth 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 Ginger Parham.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

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

The Caregiver of the Week is Jo Ann Welch.

The Liturgist for February is Holly Wiggs.

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

The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.

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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 or contact the church office, 601-982-4703.

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## Guys vs Girls Game Day

**Sunday, February 27**

First through 6th graders are invited for games in Northminster's Backyard from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

I Corinthians 13:13 reads, "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." The church's calling is to love because God is love. Believing anything means acting as if it is true. Believing that the ultimate reality underlying all creation is love has staggering consequences for what we do. We practice our faith most purely when we muster the courage to love.

-R. Kirby Godsey, *When We Talk About God . . . Let's Be Honest*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 557 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

### Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see;  
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

### Refrain:

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.

### Refrain:

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Powell

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

**The Lectionary passages for February 13 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 ~ page 628

Psalms 1 ~ page 424

I Corinthians 15:12-20 ~ pages 935-936

Luke 6:17-26 ~ page 838