

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, March 13

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

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, Adult Ed. Building

Wednesday, March 16

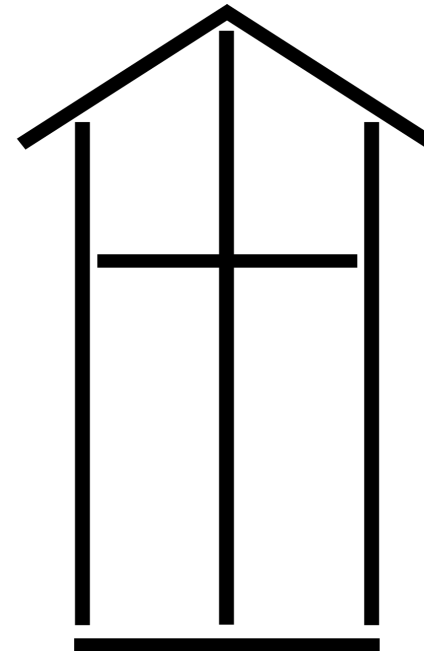
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
7:00 p.m. Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, March 17

Youth Return from Spring Break Trip

Sunday, March 20

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Wider Net, GH
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH
5:30 p.m. Youth, YH
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.”

-Philippians 3:17

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 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

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.”
-Psalm 27:14

The Prelude “A Lenten Prelude” Callahan

The Call to Worship “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” Dubois
*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.*

*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Blaine Bridges

*The Processional Hymn No. 43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *EIN' FESTE BURG*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*The Litany of Praise Jim Hess

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us.

People: Your face, Lord, do we seek. Do not hide your face from us.

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

People: Do not give us up to the will of our adversaries.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage.

-Psalm 27, *adapted*

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, March 16

Cooks

Susan O'Mara
Sylvia Carraway
Cathy Davis

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson & Monica Daniels

Monday, March 21

Cooks

Faye Barham
Gail Poole
Lawana McLennan

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**March 20**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Camille & Drew Snyder

**Firecrackers**

Mary McCall & Will McArthur

**Sparklers**

Lisa & Farrar Strum

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Brumfield House

March 17

Elta Johnston

March 24

Mike Peters

March 31

Kirk Sims

April 7

Chuck Poole

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

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

Children who have a birthday in April 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, April 8 ~ 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, April 6.

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out:

May 13

Sacred Ground:

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

Every other Friday beginning **March 11** through **May 20** from noon to 1:00 on Zoom
(Please note change.)

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 *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. 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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## Growing Up Knowing

**Friday, March 25**

These sessions titled "My Body, My Boundaries" will be offered by local non-profit Growing Up Knowing at Northminster. 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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TOGETHER FOR HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, April 3 ~ 3:00pm

Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, MS

World renowned Japanese trombonist Yu Tamaki Hoso will perform a benefit concert for Together for Hope at the end of his North American Tour. Yu has performed with the best symphonies around the world. He will be accompanied by guest pianist Zhaolei Xie, professor at University of Southern Mississippi and pianist at University Baptist Church Hattiesburg. The concert is free but donations will be accepted for Together for Hope.

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## STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

**Monday, March 21**

Hilda & Bob Boteler

**Tuesday, March 22**

Laine & Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, March 23**

Mary Taylor

**Thursday, March 24**

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnical-Wilson

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

MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Jim Hess

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The most frequent statement of God in the Hebrew Bible is "Do not fear." And the greatest antidote to fear is faith in God. Those who have faith in God can believe that whatever happens to them, things will ultimately turn out for the good; if not in this world, in the next.

-Dennis Prager, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory 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 Offertory Prayer

Jim Hess

The Offertory

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Callahan

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel                      Luke 13:31-35                      Charles Poole  
Leader:    This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People:    **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem                      "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"                      Cherwien  
If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,  
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.  
What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.  
Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,  
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always near.  
Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully,  
And trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;  
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.  
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The Sermon                      "Nevertheless"                      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

More holiness give us, more striving within.  
More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin.  
More faith in the Savior, more sense of God's care.  
More joy in God's service, more purpose in prayer.

-Philip P. Bliss

\*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.

## STUDENT NEWS:

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:** We will not meet tonight. We will meet next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, April 2, 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.

**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.)

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

### Anchors and Sails

#### March 20, April 3 and April 24 ~ Sanctuary

On March 20, Chuck Poole will lead us in a conversation concerning our "anchors" (the central truths that have defined our church) and our "sails" (how we might journey into the future of a changing church world). On the remaining two nights, the congregation will have an opportunity to ask Chuck questions about both, the anchors which define us and the sails which beckon.

### Collectively Seeking the Spirit

#### March 27 ~ Sanctuary

Lesley Ratcliff will lead us in a study of how the church has historically sought the wisdom of the Holy Spirit collectively, and explore how we might continue to seek the Holy Spirit collectively as a family of faith.

## ~~~~~ Women's Bible Study

### The Psalms

*Facilitated by Cecelia Stearman and taught by Diann Arinder*

#### Tuesdays beginning March 22

Coffee, 10:45 a.m., Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Adult Education Building

Also available on Zoom

To sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703  
or email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)

## ~~~~~ A Lenten Gift

The Worship Committee has prepared the annual Lenten Guide, "A Lenten Journey," for use in the daily worship and meditations of our Northminster congregation and friends. Based on scriptures drawn from the Daily Lectionary, "A Lenten Journey" will provide daily thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2.

The Guide in booklet form will be available in the Church Office, in the foyer outside the Office, in the Church Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as gathering areas outside the Sanctuary. It will also be available by a link on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

**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 Wilson, Jennifer, Roger, Bennett and Celia Stribling on the death of Wilson's stepfather, J. T. Davis.

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 Second Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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 Elta Johnston.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Shari Culver and Anne Guidry.

The Liturgist for March is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for March are provided by Kandy Sims, Becky Frame, and Jill Buckley.

The Usher Captains for March are Usher Co-Chairs.

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*In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible  
will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this  
prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.*

*The Northminster Flower Committee*

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"All My Hope on God is Founded"

Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 ~ pages 10-11

Psalms 27 ~ pages 437-438

Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ page 955

Luke 13:31-35 ~ page 849

**Musicians for today:**

Amulet Strange, *flute*

Bennett Randman, *cello*