

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 27

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Children's Ministries Committee, NCC
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary

Monday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Committee,
Mary Foose Classroom

Tuesday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Building,
or Zoom

Wednesday, March 30

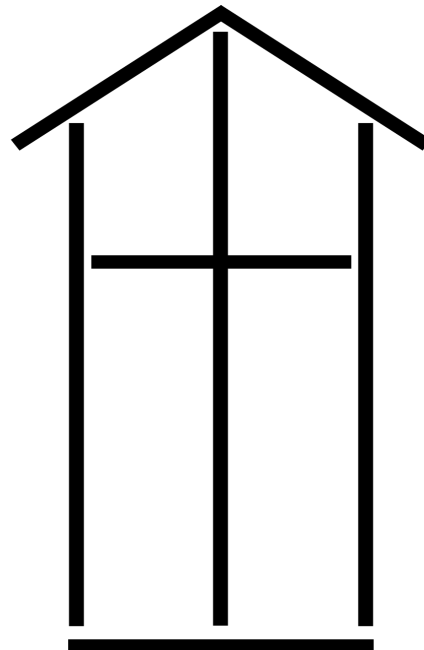
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir, Choir Room

Friday, April 1

10:30 a.m. Spann School Organ Demonstration,
Sanctuary & Great Hall

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, GH
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion/Baptism
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Sanctuary



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new! For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

-II Corinthians 5:17 and 21

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 27, 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

Greed may drive us into competition if there is not enough to go round; but the proud, even when they have more than they can possibly want, will try to get still more just to assert their power. Nearly all those evils in the world which people put down to greed or selfishness are really far more the result of Pride.

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The Prelude "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach
 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 Mary Laurel Boykin

*The Processional Hymn No. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.
 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all praise we would render; O help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*The Litany of Praise Patricia Boyd

Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven by the Lord.
People: Blessed are those in whose spirit is no deceit.
 Leader: To the Lord, we will acknowledge our sin.
People: To the Lord, we will confess our transgressions.
 Leader: Lord, teach us the way that we should go.
People: Lord, counsel us with your love.
All: Rejoice in the Lord. Be glad and obey the ways of the Lord.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out the information form inside the bulletin and drop off at the church office or e-mail, lward@northminsterbaptist.org.

The names will be listed in the order of worship on Easter Sunday, April 17. (The cost per lily is \$10. **Please submit all names by Monday, April 4.**)

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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***



SAVE THE DATE!

NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP 2022

JULY 22 – 24, 2022

Friday 5:30pm-8pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Sunday 9am-11:30am

**EVERY
 KIND OF BIRD**

ALL ARE WELCOME IN GOD'S TREE

You can register online at <https://forms.gle/jxTAtcbPhLVpHrYq9>
 Please contact Neely McGinnis with any questions or to volunteer.
neelylauderdale@gmail.com or 769.257.8077

TOGETHER FOR HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, April 3 ~ 3:00pm

Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, MS

World renowned Japanese trombonist Yu Tamaki Hosoi 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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### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Monday, March 28

##### Cooks

Faye Barham  
Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan

##### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Steve Godbold & Preston Smith

#### Monday, April 4

##### Cooks

Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb  
Annette Hitt

##### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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Wednesday Night Supper ~ March 30

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 Chicken ~ Crunchy Romaine Toss
Rice Consommé ~ Squash Casserole
Cornbread and Rolls ~ Assorted Desserts ~ Iced Tea

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

#### April 3

##### **Chapel Coordinators**

Jane Claire & Nason Williams

##### **Firecrackers**

Jennifer & Wilson Stribling

##### **Sparklers**

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

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Brumfield House

March 31

Kirk Sims

April 7

Chuck Poole

April 14

Joe Sims

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Patricia Boyd

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 32
II Corinthians 5:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Father, we would be led into Thy presence through the Word. May we see new meaning in old words. May new light shine out of the old page. May we feel as never before the beauty of Thy truth. May we be moved into deeper devotion. May we become more like Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord

-J. H. Jowett

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 213 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*The Offertory Prayer

Patricia Boyd

The Offertory

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Wood

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem	“Go Not Far from Me, O God”	Zingarelli
	Go not far from me, O God: cast me not away in the time of age, forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long,	
The Sermon	“The Prodigal God”	Lesley Ratcliff

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

Blessed be the Lord, who comes to us with messages of grace; who comes, in God the Father’s name, to save our sinful race.

-Isaac Watts

*The Recessional Hymn No. 514 “Blessed Assurance”	<i>ASSURANCE</i>
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. Refrain: <i>This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.</i> Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain: Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain:	

*The Benediction		Lesley Ratcliff
*The Postlude	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	Burkhardt
<i>*The congregation will please stand.</i>		

STUDENT NEWS:
Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, 5:00 p.m.
 Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.
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.)

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**Adult Studies ~ Sunday Evenings 5:30 p.m.**  
**Collectively Seeking the Spirit**  
**Tonight ~ 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.

**Anchor and Sails**  
**April 3 and April 24 ~ Sanctuary**  
 On March 20, Chuck Poole led 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.

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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

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**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:**

Dea Dea Baker is recovering after surgery.

Eddie Foster is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

|                  |                 |                   |
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| 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 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 Jennifer Stribling.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Gail England.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Jean Welsh.

The Caregivers of the Week are Nena Carmody and Dolly Goings.

The Liturgist for March is Rose Mary Porter.

The Liturgist for April is Joe D. Rankin.

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

The Flowers for April are provided by Kandy Sims and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captains for March are Usher Co-Chairs.

The Usher Captains for April 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 Lectionary passages for March 27 are found on the following pages in the  
Pew Bible:**

Joshua 5:9-12 ~ page 171

Psalms 32 ~ page 440

II Corinthians 5:16-21 ~ page 940

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 ~ pages 850-851