

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.

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

Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, October 2

Children Return from Retreat
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m. Wider Net Committee, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, October 4

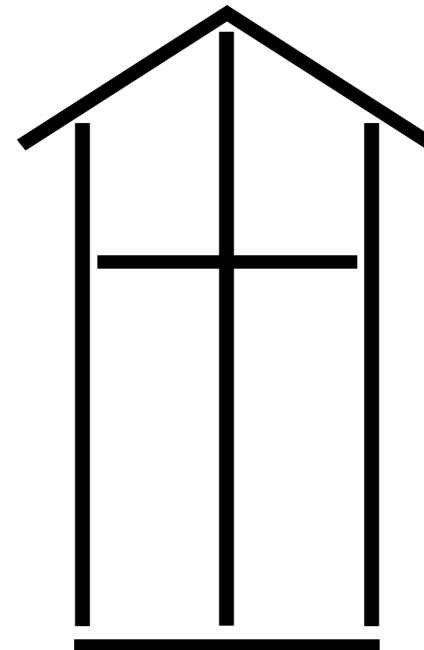
3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 9

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold:
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart –
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.

-Mary Riley Smith

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 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

Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life.
-Simone Weil

The Prelude "My Heart is Ever Yearning" Brahms

The Call to Worship "Let Your Holy Presence" Coker

Let your holy presence be upon us. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*The Litany of Praise Steve Cook

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is with us; trust in the Lord.

People: We trust the Lord to give us clarity and wisdom.

Leader: Do good.

People: We trust God's guidance as we make choices to do the right thing.

Leader: Delight yourself in the Lord.

People: We want to fall deeper in love with the Lord so we will feel the Lord in the autumn breeze, see the Lord in the blue of the sky, hear the Lord in a child's laughter, and taste the Lord in the holy bread and cup.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord.

People: We will look to the Lord in all we do, every step along the way.

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for the Lord.

All: Our faith will sustain us as we quietly seek the will and guidance of the Lord. Amen.

-Based on Psalm 37

Committee on Committees

Northminster Family of Faith,

The Committee on Committees has begun its annual process to prepare the roster of committee membership and leadership for the coming year, and we need your help. Especially as we enter this important time of transition, all of us are called to support Northminster's work and ministry. Our committees are our backbone, working each day to enhance our church's worship, ministries, and administration.

The details of this process were included in the congregational letter previously mailed (and emailed) along with a survey. As you think about the ways to offer your time and energy, thank you for your service to our church.

Please indicate your interest to serve beginning in 2023 by completing the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT3QX8M> or you can scan the QR code to complete the survey.

Also, a paper copy can be returned by email to neely@northminsterbaptist.org, or mailed to the church. All forms are due by October 7.

Jeff Stancill, Chair
Committee on Committees



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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, October 3**

**Cooks**

Becky Wooley  
Polly Bourne  
Susan O'Mara

**Drivers**

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

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

October 9

Chapel Coordinators

Courtney & Walt Denton

Firecrackers

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

Sparklers

Chris & Paul Eason

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**October 6**

Joe Sims

**October 13**

Jimmy Allen

**October 20**

Ginger Parham

**October 27**

Josh Poole

**ADULT STUDIES**  
**A SPIRITUAL POTLUCK**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Tonight you are invited to consider music which has spoken to you spiritually, and which you would like to bring to Adult Studies to share how that piece has been a channel of the Spirit in your life.

If you would like to participate by bringing music, please email Lesley Ratcliff at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org), and a member of the Adult Ministries Committee will follow up with you.

**A STUDY OF THE EPISTLES OF JOHN**

5:30 p.m. in the Adult Studies Building

October 16, 23, 30 and November 13

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, October 4

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in October 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, October 14***

***6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC***

Make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office at **601-982-4703 by Wednesday, October 12.**

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

**We will also have Parents' Night Out on**  
November 4 and December 9.

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Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 26

5:30—7:00 p.m.

~ Giant Slide ~ Games ~

~ Cookout ~ Cupcake Walk ~

~Pumpkin Painting ~

Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us in the "backyard" of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the youth house at no charge.

Rain will cancel.

Non-Scary Costumes Preferred.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Steve Cook

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

II Timothy 1:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving Father, we are restless. We find it difficult to wait. We work so hard at making things happen rather than letting them happen. Teach us to trust You. Teach us to wait. Open our hearts, so that we may be willing to receive, even if the form of your giving is not what we expected.

-NMBC Liturgy, May 30, 1982, adapted

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

Steve Cook

The Offertory

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Manz

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 17:5-10 Major Treadway
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Bread of the World" Palestrina
Bread of the world, in mercy broken; Wine of the soul, in mercy shed;
by whom the words of life were spoken; and in whose death our sins are dead;
look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

The Sermon "God Is With Us" Major Treadway

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Lesley Ratcliff

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.

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

Mold me and make me after thy will.....While I am waiting....Yielded and still.

-Adelaide A. Pollard

STUDENT NEWS

Youth Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House.

There will be donuts and good conversation.

Sunday Night at the Youth House: Today at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

For Seniors Only: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. All high school seniors are welcome to join Major for a series of discussions about important topics for life after high school - changing a tire, doing laundry, cooking a meal, choosing a church, planning a trip, etc.

Fall Retreat: November 12-13: Put these dates on your calendar now. Stay tuned for more details.

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## WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

*The Book of Joy:  
Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*

Tuesdays, October 11 – November 1  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Great Hall

Faye Barham will lead us through a discussion of this book, which captures conversations between Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama and ponders the question "How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?"

Books are available in the church office for \$24.

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

Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or

[lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions or to sign up.

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Wednesday Night Supper October 5

5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

Come join us for a delicious meal and a brief vespers service!

In an effort to be good stewards of the church's giving, the Fellowship Committee has raised the cost of the meal by a few dollars. Cost should not prevent anyone from attending.

Servers: Gayla Purvis, Judy & Joe Rankin,
Cindy Reed, Anna Katherine Scott

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: Savory Green Salad, Red Beans & Rice, Assorted Breads,
Bread Pudding, Iced Tea

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

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## STEWOPOT FOOD PANTRY

**Monday, October 17**

Hilda & Bob Boteler

**Tuesday, October 18**

Laine & Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, October 19**

Mary Taylor

**Thursday, October 20**

Bill Thompson & Amy Williams

## 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 Marty and Megan Clapton on the death of Marty's mother, Maureen Clapton.

## ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Michael Grantham | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Roxanne Aldridge | R.W. McCarley   | Libby McGee       |
| Jack Cochran     | Vivian Thompson | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Robbie Cross     | Tom Starling    | Carolyn Aden      |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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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 Skipper Jernigan.

The Caregiving Chair for October is Faye Barham.

The Caregiver Coordinator for October is Joan Haynie.

The Caregivers of the Week are Susie Friou and Jeanne Cook.

The Liturgist for October is Anne Brawley.

The Flowers for October are provided by Lisa Kelly, Becky Frame, Kandy Sims and Jill Buckley.

The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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## The Northminster Pulpit

*During this season of our lives between Senior Pastors, Northminster welcomes the following ministers to the pulpit to offer the sermon for the day:*

**October 9:** Gene Corbin, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church

**October 16:** Major Treadway

**October 23:** David Carroll, Former Minister, Galloway United Methodist Church

**October 30:** Kasey Jones, CBF, Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth

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Pastoral Care Number

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*The Recessional Hymn No. 558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*The Benediction

Major Treadway

*The Postlude

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Albrecht

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for October 2 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Lamentations 1:1-6 ~ page 666

Lamentations 3:19-26 ~ page 669

Psalm 137 ~ page 502

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 ~ pages 762-763

Psalm 37:1-9 ~ page 443

II Timothy 1:1-14 ~ page 966

Luke 17:5-10 ~ page 852

Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all 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.