

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, September 25

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, September 28

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

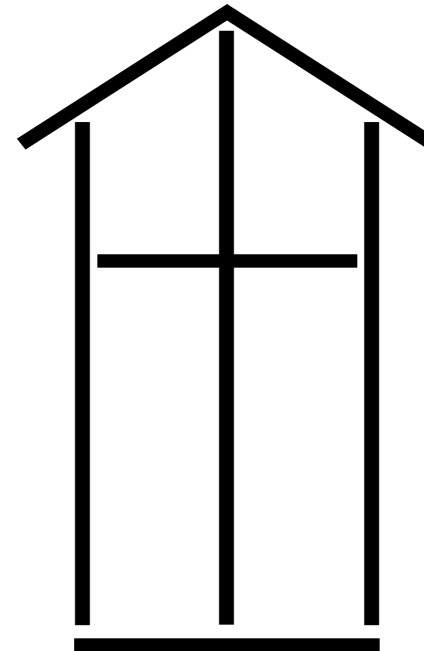
Saturday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Children Depart for Retreat
9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We are trusting in the Lord,
and according to God's word,
we will understand it better by and by.

-Charles Tindley

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 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

So for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray; still keep me, guide me, love me, Lord, through each today.

-E. R. Wilberforce

The Prelude "God of Grace" Hobby

The Call to Worship "Let Your Holy Presence" Coker

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

*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 Jann Puckett

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Glory to you, Lord God;

People: You are worthy of praise.

Leader: Glory to you for the radiance of your Holy Name;

People: We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Leader: Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

All: On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

-Song of the Three, *Book of Common Prayer*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jann Puckett

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

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, September 26**

**Cooks**

Jean Welsh

Helen Turner

Polly Watkins

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

October 2

Firecrackers

Christine & Bryan Bridges

Sparklers

Amy & Matt Thames

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**Brumfield House**

**September 29**

Jeff Wilson

**October 6**

Joe Sims

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STEW POT 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

Adult Studies in September
A SPIRITUAL POTLUCK

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

You are invited to consider poetry or 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 poetry or music, please email Lesley Ratcliff, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org, and a member of the Adult Ministries Committee will follow up with you.

We will take one night for each genre.

Today – Poetry
October 2 – Music

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, October 14**  
**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, 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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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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**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 Lessons

Psalm 146  
I Timothy 6:6-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

-Ephesians 4:32

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**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!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Jann Puckett

The Offertory

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Powell

\*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 16:19-31

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came to me and the dance went on.

**Refrain:**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

**Refrain:**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you live in me.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

**Refrain:****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**

Into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today, come in to stay.  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

-Harry D. Clarke

**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.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen, prepare a meal and serve it at Stewpot; then we will eat lunch together.

**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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Children's Retreat

October 1-2, 2022

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat.

We will leave at 8 a.m. on October 1 and return in time for worship at Northminster on October 2.

**For questions or to sign up, contact Lesley Ratcliff
at 601-982-4703 or lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.**

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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 September 28

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: Mary Eliza & Howard McMillan, Gayla Purvis,
Sandi Rhoden, Amy Williams

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: Spaghetti, Savory Green Salad,
French Bread, Assorted Desserts, Iced Tea

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Lee and Stephanie Roberts Wilson on the occasion of their marriage in Estes Park, Colorado on September 10.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Michael Grantham Sue Edwards Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge R.W. McCarley Libby McGee
Jack Cochran Vivian Thompson Gorman Schaffer
Robbie Cross Tom Starling
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Sixteenth 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 Crisler Boone.  
The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for September is Janice Joyner.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Faye Barham.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for October is Joan Haynie.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Kathryn Davis and Sylvia Carraway.  
The Liturgist for September is Gwen Anderson.  
The Liturgist for October is Anne Brawley.  
The Flowers for September are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
The Flowers for October are provided by Lisa Kelly, Becky Frame, Kandy Sims and Jill Buckley.  
The Usher Captains for September are Keith Davis, Nancy Smith, Dawn Warrington and Matt Kelly.  
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 2: Major Treadway
October 9: Gene Corbin, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church
October 16: Major Treadway
October 23: David Carroll, Former Minister, Galloway United Methodist Church

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\*The Recessional Hymn No. 568 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,  
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;  
take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,  
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;  
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,  
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

\*The Benediction Jonathan Walton

\*The Postlude “Festive Trumpet Tune” German

\*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for September 25 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 ~ page 643  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 ~ pages 477-478  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 ~ page 747  
Psalm 146 ~ page 507  
I Timothy 6:6-19 ~ pages 965-966  
Luke 16:19-31 ~ pages 851-852

Musician for today:  
Sybil Cheesman, flute

About our pulpit guest:

Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton is the Dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His latest book, *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, blends his work from the pulpit and classroom - exploring the Bible from the perspective of the most vulnerable and violated characters toward the development of a Christian social ethic of radical inclusion and human affirmation.

Prior to joining the Wake Forest community, Dean Walton served as the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard University. Along with serving as the Dean of the School of Divinity, Dean Walton also occupies the Presidential Chair in Religion and Society and is the inaugural Dean of Wait Chapel at Wake Forest.

Dean Walton is married to Cecily Cline and they are the parents of Zora Neale, Elijah Mays, and Baldwin Cline.