

## 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 4

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
11:30 a.m. Labor Day Potluck, GH

### Monday, September 5

*Church Office Closed*

### Tuesday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR  
5:30 p.m. Building Supervision Maintenance  
Committee, L/CR

### Wednesday, September 7

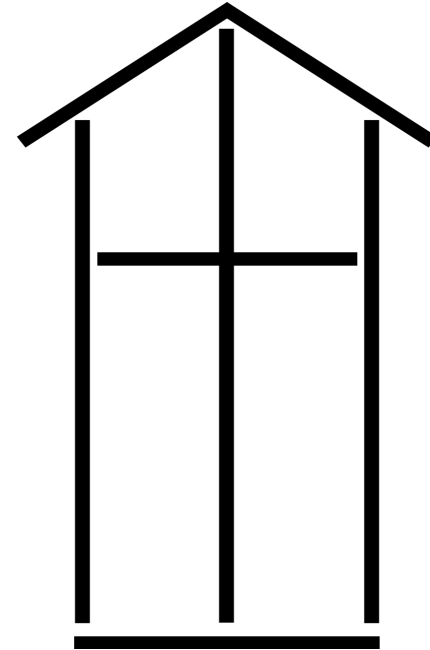
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Choir Workshop, GH

### Sunday, September 11

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. First Graders Practice in the Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rising First Graders  
Bible Presentations  
Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m. First Grade Worship Class & Lunch, GH  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
5:00 p.m. Preschool Atrium Orientation  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
6:00 p.m. Samford University Choir Presentation,  
Sanctuary



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way.  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

-Adelaide Addison

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 4, 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

O God, make us children of quietness and heirs of peace.  
-St. Clement I of Rome

The Prelude "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Powell

The Call to Worship "Bless Ye the Lord" Ippolitof-Ivanof

*Bless ye the Lord our God, All ye his angels fair,  
that so rejoice in His strength.  
O blessed art Thou, eternal One.*

\*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 Philip Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous, it is fitting for the upright  
to praise the Lord.  
**People: Praise the Lord with the harp, make music to the Lord on the  
ten-stringed lyre.**  
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully and shout for joy.  
**All: For the Lord is right and true, and faithful in all the Lord does.**  
-Psalm 33:1-5, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Philip Blount

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Philemon 1:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**



INVITES YOU TO

**A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE BANQUET**

**HONORING WITH VIRTUAL GUEST**  
**VIRGINIA BUTLER ANNE LAMOTT**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 ~ 6:00 pm at  
**THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC FAIRVIEW INN**  
734 FAIRVIEW STREET, JACKSON MS

**REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 5, SENDING AN EMAIL TO:**  
[dpierce@cbj.net](mailto:dpierce@cbj.net)

\$50.00 per person—pay at door by cash, check or credit card  
**Please provide names and any dietary restrictions.**

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**Wednesday Night Supper Resumes September 14**  
**5:30 pm ~ 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.

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

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, September 23**  
**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, September 21**

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

**We will also have Parents' Night Out on:**

October 14, November 4,  
and December 9.

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The church office will be closed  
Monday, September 5.

For pastoral care emergencies,  
please call 601-980-1002.

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The Caregiving Committee  
will meet Tuesday, September 6.

## Rising First Graders

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first “official” entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class!

**On Sunday, September 11, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.**

Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take a more in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal, talk about why we worship, and create worship bags. Let’s make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, September 11**  
~ immediately following the worship service ~

**Agenda:**

Election of Deacons

**Deacon Nominees**

Cheryl Allen      Justin Beard      Trey Clark  
Mary Ellen Stancill      Holly Wiggs      Dudley Wooley

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**Preaching in September**

**September 11:** Lesley Ratcliff

**September 18:** Lesley Ratcliff

**September 25:** Jonathan Walton, Dean, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

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*Preschool & Elementary Atrium,  
as well as SN456 will resume  
September 11 at 5 pm.*

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**Samford University Choir Presentation**

**Sunday, September 11 ~ 6:00 pm**

The A Cappella Choir from Samford University will present an early semester performance at Northminster on Sunday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Philip Copeland, who has strong roots in Mississippi, having graduated from Ole Miss and Mississippi College. During his tenure as conductor the choir has gained national and international acclaim as one of the South’s finest choral ensembles.

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**Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, September 13**  
**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Children who have a birthday in September are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall between 3:00 and 5:00 pm to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.  
-James 5:16

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 635 “He Leadeth Me”

*HE LEADETH ME*

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do where’r I see,  
since ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain:**

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since ‘tis my God that leadeth me.

**Refrain**

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory’s won,  
e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

**Refrain**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Philip Blount

The Offertory

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Pethel

\*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 14:25-33

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Manz  
I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain:**

*In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

**Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Refrain**

The Sermon "On the Potter's Wheel" 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.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

**First Sunday at the Youth House:** September 11, 5:00 pm. Sunday nights at the Youth House resume. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

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

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, September 21**

**Cooks**

Carolyn McIntyre  
Shari Culver  
Jo Ann Welch

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin & Luke Dove  
Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson & Monica Daniels

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**September 11**

**Firecrackers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

**Sparklers**

Camille & Drew Snyder

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**Brumfield House**

**September 8**

Mike Peters

**September 15**

Rebecca Wiggs

**September 22**

Scott Wilson

**September 29**

Jeff Wilson

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**ADULT MINISTRIES SURVEY**

The Adult Ministries Committee is seeking your ideas for Adult Education and spiritual formation.



If you are an adult, regardless of your previous participation in Adult Ministries offerings, please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5277QMD> to fill out the survey. Surveys are due by September 11. Thank you!

**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:**

Jim Hess is hospitalized at Hospice Ministries.

Carla Holt is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**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     |                 |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Thirteenth 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 Rebecca Wiggs.  
The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for September is Janice Joyner.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Ann Calhoon and Janice Joyner.  
The Liturgist for September is Gwen Anderson.  
The Flowers for September are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captains for September are Keith Davis, Nancy Smith, Dawn Warrington and Matt Kelly.

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**THE ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE LABOR DAY POTLUCK**

**Today after worship in the Great Hall**

**Servers:** Dea Dea Baker, Gayla and John Purvis, Amy and George Williams

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**Pastoral Care Number**

As we move into this next new chapter, there will be moments when we all think “I should call Chuck about that.” We hope that when you have that thought, especially for matters of pastoral care and church business, that you will call Major or Lesley.

For pastoral care needs  
Call 601.980.1002

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Have Thine own way Lord. Have Thine own way.  
Hold over my being, absolute sway.  
Filled with Thy Spirit till all shall see;  
Christ only, always, living in me.

-Adelaide Addison

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 426 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” *BEACH SPRING*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

\*The Benediction Major Treadway

\*The Postlude “Song of Wisdom” White

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for September 4 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Jeremiah 18:1-11 ~ page 629  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 ~ page 503  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ~ page 163  
Psalm 1 ~ page 424  
Philemon 1:1-21 ~ page 970  
Luke 14:25-33 ~ page 850

**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.