

**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  
Office Manager  
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 30**

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 Halloween Party, YH  
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

**Monday, October 31**

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

**Tuesday, November 1**

6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

**Wednesday, November 2**

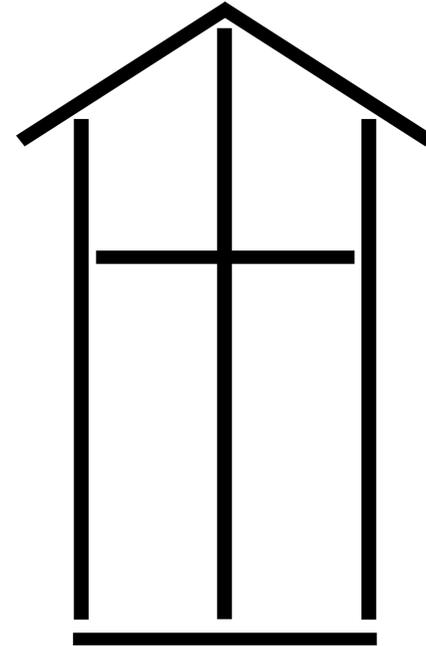
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 4**

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

**Sunday, November 6**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion/All Saints'  
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Committee, NCC  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
5:00 p.m. Dogwood Planting, Memorial Garden  
5:30 p.m. All Saints' Vesper Service, Sanctuary



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

God dances with the outcasts.

*-Steven James*

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 30, 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

The Truth we need to know lives in this holy place. Now we listen....

The Prelude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Buxtehude

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in God, All Ye Lands" Coker

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.*

\*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 Valerie Linn

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Jesus associated with those whom society rejected.

**People: Jesus spoke to the Samaritan.**

Leader: Jesus listened to the thief.

**People: Jesus touched the leper.**

Leader: Jesus ate with the tax collector.

**People: Jesus loved the exile.**

**All: Thanks be to God for Jesus and the gospel he lived.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONGS  
& THE LIVING NATIVITY**

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all 1st through 6th graders, are invited to be a part of the Living Nativity which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

This year, in addition to the Living Nativity, our children will be leading in worship through Advent Candle Lighting Songs. These songs will be led by small ensembles of children each week. We will add two extra rehearsals to Living Nativity rehearsals this year to prepare for these additional songs.

Practice will begin on November 13! The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

**November 13 from 9-9:30**

**November 20 from 9-9:30**

**November 27 from 9-9:30**

**December 4 from 9-9:30**

**December 11 from 9-9:30**

**December 18 from 9-9:30**

**December 24 at 4:30**

All rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, except for December 24, when we will meet in the Great Hall. Because rehearsal times are short, please be on time and present for as many rehearsals as possible.

Children participating in an ensemble must make at least two rehearsals prior to the date they will lead in worship. If your child would like to participate in one of the ensembles, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/j3P2R55yag5247L99>

If your child would like to participate in the Living Nativity but not one of the ensembles, you do not need to fill out the form.

We look forward to our children leading us in worship throughout the season of Advent!

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**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY**

*The Book of Joy:*

*Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*

Tuesday, November 1 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m. ~ Great Hall

Faye Barham is leading 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?"

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.

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**Wednesday Night Supper**

**November 2 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall**

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

**Servers:** Mary Eliza & Howard McMillan, Sandi Rhoden, JoAnn Welch & Dea Dea Baker

**Cashier:** George Luter

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

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2021**

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday.

On the evening of November 6, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an **All Saints' Vesper Service**, at which time the names which have been submitted by the congregation will be read aloud.

We will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the memorial garden at the north end of the campus.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, November 7**

**Cooks**

Kelly Hicks  
Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame, Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**November 6**

**Firecrackers**

Kim & Kyle Watson

**Sparklers**

Ramsey & Brian Long

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**November 3**

Kirk Sims

**November 10**

Jimmy Allen

**November 17**

Susan O'Mara

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, November 8***

***3:00-5:00 p.m.***

Children who have a birthday in November 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, November 4***

***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, November 2.**

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

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

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Valerie Linn

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 1:10-18  
II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

God, we are reminded that Love is action. We confess our tendency to withdraw. We confess our desire to put our own safety and convenience above all. We confess that we often value our reputation above following Christ. We confess our self-centeredness. Help us learn to love freely and boldly.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Valerie Linn

The Offertory

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

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 19:1-10

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Coker  
 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
 Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:  
 Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear!  
 Dark and cheerless is the dawn 'til your glories shine on me;  
 joyless is the day's return till your mercy's beams I see:  
 as they inward light impart cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief:  
 more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

The Sermon "Go, Seek and Make Room for Salvation" Kasey Jones

**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**

Please, Lord, I want a courageous heart—a heart that does the right thing, even when it is afraid.

-Lauren Gaskill, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
 be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
 I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
 nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
 I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
 My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
 but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
 above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
 O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
 O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.  
 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
 that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be.  
 And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction Kasey Jones

\*The Postlude "The Church's One Foundation" Pethel

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**STUDENT NEWS**

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

**Halloween Party:** Today at 5:00 p.m. Halloween Party at the Youth House...

Scary Awesome.

**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. All youth are invited for a retreat at Camp Wesley Pines. We will be joined by Northside Baptist Church. We will depart at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and be back by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost: \$50. Sign up in the Youth House or contact Major by November 1.

**Spring Break Trip:** March 11-15. Universal Studios Florida. A week of good fun, good fellowship, and good memories in the making. Cost:\$500. Sign up in the Youth House or contact Major by December 1.

**Passport 2023:** June 18 - 26. Converse University, Spartanburg, SC. Summer Camp. Meaningful Missions. Creative Discipleship. Fun. Cost: \$425. Sign-up in the Youth House or with Major.

**Mystery Trip 2023:** July 6 - 11. Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! Cost: \$250. Sign-up in the Youth House or with Major.

*(Cost should never be a barrier to participation, please let Major know if you or someone you know needs financial assistance to participate.)*

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**ADULT STUDIES THIS FALL**

**A STUDY OF THE EPISTLES OF JOHN**

Led by Diann Arinder

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

Today and November 13

"How plain, how full, and how deep a compendium of genuine Christianity!"

John Wesley, like others across the ages, appreciated the epistles of John.

Join us as we explore the riches of these works!

If you wish to join by zoom, the meeting information is as follows:

Meeting ID: 843 1490 6029 Passcode: Studies

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**NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE**

Beginning Sunday November 20, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so, but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Monday, December 12, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Dianne Metzner, an active member of Northminster since 2002. Christian sympathy is extended to Kurt Metzner and all of Dianne’s family and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to John and Becky Wooley on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Lynn Stewart. The proud parents are Marie and Adam Stewart.

Howard McMillan is hospitalized at Baptist.

**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 Twenty-First 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.



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 Stewart Boone.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Faye Barham.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for October is Joan Haynie.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for November is Gail England.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Betsy Greener and Kathryn Davis.  
The Liturgist for October is Anne Brawley.  
The Liturgists for November are Monica Daniels and Shirley Foster.  
The Flowers for October are provided by Lisa Kelly, Becky Frame, Kandy Sims and Jill Buckley.

The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle.  
The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.  
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.



**Pastoral Care Number**  
601-980-1002

**The Lectionary passages for October 30 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 ~ pages 762-763  
Psalm 119:137-144 ~ page 496  
Isaiah 1:10-18 ~ page 549  
Psalm 32:1-7 ~ page 440  
II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 ~ page 961  
Luke 19:1-10 ~ page 854

**About Our Pulpit Guest**

Reverend Kasey Jones is the Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth for the Cooperate Baptist Fellowship. Kasey engages with churches and individuals to invite partnership with CBF. Additionally, she works with congregations to engage in diversity, equity, inclusion and racial justice ministry efforts.

In her efforts to help grow the Fellowship’s impact, Kasey is most passionate about interacting directly with churches and individuals to make meaningful connections to do kingdom work together. Prior to joining the CBF staff in October 2017, Kasey served as a senior pastor in Washington, D.C., for twelve years and also worked previously as a community organizer. She earned a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts from Howard University. In her CBF role, she combines her ministry and community organizing experiences as she engages partners on behalf of CBF and builds relationships that are resources for our churches.

Kasey is a huge fan of the Chicago link-up of Chicago Med, Fire & PD on television and enjoys “good” ice cream.

**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:*

- November 6:** All Saints’ Sunday, no sermon
- November 13:** Joey Shelton, Dean of Chapel & Director of Church Relations, Millsaps
- November 20:** Stan Wilson, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church
- November 27:** Lesley Ratcliff