

**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, November 13**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Youth return from Fall Retreat  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building  
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

**Monday, November 14**

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

**Tuesday, November 15**

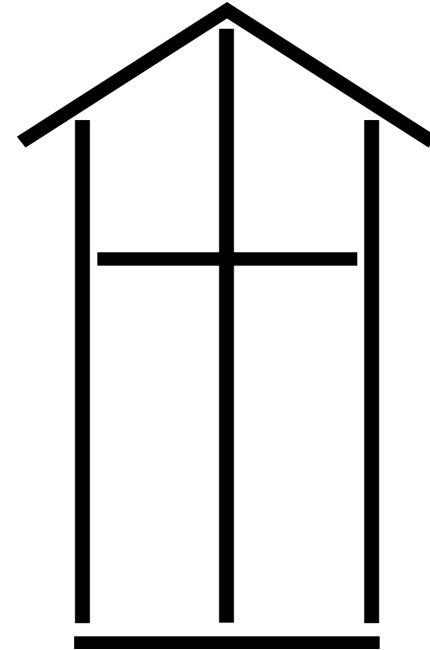
12:00 p.m. Youth Committee, L/CR

**Wednesday, November 16**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck & Communion, GH  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, November 20**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Did you ever think, child...how much piecin' a quilt is like livin' a life?...the neighbors will give you a piece here and a piece there, and you'll have a piece left every time you cut out a dress and you take jest what happens to come.... the Lord sends us pieces, but we can cut 'em out and put 'em together...”

*-Aunt Jane of Kentucky (excerpt),  
Eliza Calvert Hall*

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 13, 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

“For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

-Romans 8:28-39

The Prelude “Like a River Glorious” Pethel

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. 78 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away,  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

\*The Litany of Praise Holly Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth,

**People: Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises,**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with the harp,

**People: With the harp and the sound of a psalm,**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of a horn,

**All: Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Isaiah 65:17-25  
II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, November 16**

**Cooks**

Sylvia Carraway

Cathy Davis

Elizabeth Quinn

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence

Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Monica Daniels

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**  
**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**November 20**

**Firecrackers**

Karen Treadway & Mary Sue Douglas

**Sparklers**

Hart Wylie & Kirby Boteler

**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**November 17**

Susan O’Mara

**November 24**

Mike Peters

**December 1**

Bo Allen

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**AND COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Wednesday, November 16**

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

***Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more.***

**Servers:** Hilda Boteler, Gloria Montgomery, Cindy Reed,  
Anna Katherine Scott, Gayla Purvis and Amy Williams

Meat and drinks will be provided. ***Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.*** The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service. *(We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.)*

**BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL**

*For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.*

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and a gift. On Sunday, December 4, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to serve in our community together.

**You can help by**

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on December 4 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to Boarding Homes

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**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 participate in the Living Nativity during 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 follows:

**November 13 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 11 from 9-9:30 a.m.**  
**November 20 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 18 from 9-9:30 a.m.**  
**November 27 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 24 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**December 4 from 9-9:30 a.m.**

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 attend 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!

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“The silence is all there is. It is the alpha and the omega. It is God’s brooding over the face of the waters; it is the blended note of the ten thousand things...you can take a step in the right direction to pray to this silence...distinctions blur...quit your tents... pray without ceasing...”

*-Teaching a Stone to Talk (excerpt), Anne Dillard “*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Amy Finkelberg

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 678 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

*PROMISE*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there’s a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Holly Wiggs

The Offertory

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Trotter

\*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 21:5-19

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" Coker  
 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
 To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.  
**Refrain:**  
*I am bound for the promised land. Oh, who will come and go with me*  
 O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day:  
 There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.  
**Refrain:**  
 No chilling winds of poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore.  
 Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.  
**Refrain:**  
 When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blest.  
 For I shall see my Father's face and in his bosom rest.  
**Refrain:**

The Sermon "Not a Hair of Your Head" Joey Shelton

**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**

"Wherever you are, 'you are here.' But you are not here all by yourself. You are here. But so is God. God is with you, God is for you, and God will never leave you alone. Not even here. Especially not here, where you are. Amen"

*-The Tug of Home, Chuck Poole*

The Sounding of the Call Mike Peters

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 659 "A Charge to Keep I Have" BOYLSTON

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
 a never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
 To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,  
 O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!  
 Arm me with watchful care as in thy sight to live,  
 and now thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!  
 Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee rely,  
 O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.  
 And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction Joey Shelton

\*The Postlude "Fanfares" Phillips

**STUDENT NEWS**

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

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

**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

"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.

Each Angel Tree tag will have a giant Christmas gift sack attached to it. **Please use the giant bag provided for your gifts. Do NOT wrap individual gifts.** Placing the gifts **unwrapped** in the bag allows the parent/guardian to check the items before the child receives them. Please clearly label the large bag with the first and last name of the child in large black sharpie. If your angel is getting a bike or other large item which will not fit in the bag, please put a large label directly on the bike and put the Christmas gift sack beside the bike.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rick and Ann Calhoon, on the birth of their granddaughter, Linnie June Lowery. The proud parents are Katie Calhoon and John Lowery. Linnie is also welcomed by Alex and Christopher Miller and Percy, Elizabeth, Chesley, Anders, Adella and Sims Quinn.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Twenty-Third 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 baptism 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 Cathy Davis.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for November is Gail England.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Anna Katherine Scott and Shari Culver.  
The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.  
The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle.  
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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**Pastoral Care Number**

601-980-1002

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

immediately following the worship service

**AGENDA**

Adoption of the 2023 Budget

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*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for November 13 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 65:17-25 ~ pages 607-608  
 Isaiah 12 ~ pages 558-559  
 Malachi 4:1-2a ~ page 779  
 Psalm 98 ~ page 480  
 II Thessalonians 3:6-13~ page 962  
 Luke 21:5-19 ~ page 856

**About Our Pulpit Guest**

Rev. Dr. Joey Shelton is the Dean of the Chapel and Director of Church Relations at Millsaps College. Originally from Hattiesburg, Joey graduated from Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi School of Law and practiced law in Hattiesburg for nearly a decade before entering seminary at Duke Divinity School. Following seminary, Joey has served two congregations in Mississippi, including Galloway UMC in Jackson. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Joey is married to Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton, who was recently elected to be a Bishop in the United Methodist Church beginning in 2023.

**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 20:** Stan Wilson, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church
- November 27:** Lesley Ratchiff
- December 4:** Major Treadway
- December 11:** No Sermon, Advent Music by Choir