

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!”

Luke 23:39

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 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

“Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:68-79, NKJV

The Prelude Toccata on “Holy, Holy, Holy” 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. 92 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *DIADEMATA*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*The Litany of Praise Mike Peters

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: A very present help in trouble.

Leader: There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us.

Psalm 46, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation

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	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 20

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

Monday, November 21

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
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Tuesday, November 22

7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, November 23

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
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Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m.	Living Nativity Rehearsal, Choir Room
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

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Rabbi Rosen of Beth Israel has invited any interested Northminster congregants to participate in

Judaism 101

at Beth Israel on select Tuesdays. Meetings will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on November 29, December 13, 20, January 10, 17, 31 and February 7.

A Zoom option is available.

If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

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### Coffee for Salt and Light

Premium Honduran coffee is currently for sale at \$12 per bag. Proceeds will help fund expenses of Sal y Luz Ministry in Honduras.

To purchase please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590. Jann will deliver to your home. Please make checks payable to **Salt and Light Ministries (no cash please)**.

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MEALS ON WHEELS Monday, November 28

Cooks

Lisa Cobb
Gail England
Ann Calhoon

Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

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### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### November 27

#### Chapel Coordinators

Jane Claire & Nason Williams

#### Firecrackers

Caroline & Jack Nowell

#### Sparklers

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

November 24

Mike Peters

December 1

Bo Allen

December 8

Bryan Bridges

December 15

Amy Finkelberg

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Ryder Marie Taff

Daughter of Ryder and Blair Taff

The Litany of Dedication

Stan Wilson

Leader: We are here today to present Ryder to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: *We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.*

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

People: She will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her into a loving relationship with God?

Parents: *We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.*

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

People: Yes, we too, will share in her growth, for she belongs to us as well.

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

People: For God is faithful to us in all that we do.

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Let us use this silence to meet ourselves where we are, reintroduce ourselves to ourselves, and let us ponder in this silence that "... the problem isn't with beliefs themselves, but with how we use them to get ground under our feet, how we use them to feel right and to make someone else wrong, how we use them to avoid feeling the uneasiness of not knowing what is going on."

Pema Chödrön, *The Places That Scare You*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory 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 Offertory Prayer Mike Peters

The Offertory "Abendlied" Schumann

*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 23:33-43 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "The Gift of Love" Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole,
O come, spirit, come,
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

The Sermon "King's Cross" Stan Wilson

*The Northminster Choir
Presents*

"A Service of Lessons and Carols"

*The Morning Hour of Worship
Sunday, December 11*

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**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

A Service of Lessons and Carols will, as we have for many years, provide the focus of the choir's annual Christmas presentation on December 11. However, the usual special instrumental accompaniment will not be part of the service. The choir will sing almost all of the carols *a cappella*, without instrumental accompaniment, giving us a unique way of experiencing music relating to the Christmas story as we hear it read. For those who look forward to the experience of instrumental accompaniment for the choir and the hymns we sing during this season, the worship experiences for the other Sundays of Advent and Christmas Day will include instruments. Strings will join us for the hymns and anthem on ADVENT I; brass and percussion will help us proclaim Isaiah's vision of peace on ADVENT II; and strings, clarinet, and percussion will add to our celebration on CHRISTMAS DAY.

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ADVENT WREATH and CANDLES

The Advent Wreath and Candles have a rich tradition. While the wreath and candles are yearly placed in our sanctuary, we have not recently given special attention to their meaning. This year, with the assistance of our children, we will sing its meaning into our collective memories. A well-known carol tune will be used to help us experience more deeply the qualities the candles call forth in our worship. Hopefully, the congregation will begin to join the children in singing as the candles are lit.

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

Rehearsals have begun!

Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30 a.m.  
through December 18 in the choir room

If your child would like to participate, please contact Lesley Ratcliff  
at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703.

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

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Return to Hymnals

The church calendar begins each year with the first Sunday of Advent. The beginning of any new year affords the opportunity to revisit and revise decisions and practices of the past year(s). Beginning in Advent (on November 27), the Worship Committee is excited to announce the return to the use of our pew hymnals for singing congregational hymns. To facilitate this return, the words to congregational hymns will no longer be printed in the bulletins. The words to the hymns will still be available in the digital version of the bulletin so that those joining the worship service virtually might have them easily available.

**An Advent Gathering for Women
led by Lesley Ratcliff and Amy Williams**

Join us for a time of reflection and creativity
as we begin the season of Advent

**Wednesday, November 30
5:00-7:00 p.m.
in the Great Hall**

A light supper will be provided for \$8
RSVP to Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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**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 personal care home residents 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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The Season of Advent

Members of the Worship and Music Committee have prepared their seasonal guide for personal and family worship entitled, "**The Season of Advent 2022.**"

Copies of this gift for the congregation will be available throughout the church beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27.

Please take copies as you need them for personal and family reading and devotion during this season of love and hope. Feel free to share them with neighbors and friends as well.

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**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**

God did not tell us to follow out of need for our help, but out of knowing that loving God would make us whole.

Saint Irenaeus, *adapted*

The Sounding of the Call John Purvis

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,  
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;  
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

\*The Benediction Stan Wilson

\*The Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Burkhardt

***\*The congregation will please stand.***

**The Lectionary passages for November 20 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

- Jeremiah 23:1-6 ~ page 633
- Luke 1:68-79 ~ page 832
- Psalm 46 ~ page 450
- Colossians 1:11-20 ~ page 956
- Luke 23:33-43 ~ pages 859-860

**Musician for today:**

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*


**About Our Pulpit Guest**

Stan Wilson is a co-pastor of the Circle of Mercy, an Alliance of Baptists and UCC congregation in Asheville, North Carolina. He served as Pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Clinton from 2002-2017 and then as a director at Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, NC until 2022. In 2019 he co-founded the Black Mountain School of Theology & Community, which is engaging congregations across the country in theological reflection and action related to community organizing and the study of place.

Stan and Jennifer Carnes Wilson were married at Northminster in 1999 while he was the Associate Pastor for Students and Community Ministry (1994-2002). Their daughters are Jane (20), a junior at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, and Kate (17), a senior in high school.

**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.

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Jack Dean, a Charter Member of Northminster since 1967. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Jack’s family and friends.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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| 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 Christ the King Sunday.** Known also as The Reign of Christ Sunday, this Lord’s Day points to God’s ultimate victory and reign through Jesus Christ. Coming at the close of the Christian year, it also leads immediately into the beginning of the new Christian year as Advent begins next Sunday. The liturgical color is white, used on occasions which magnify the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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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 Andy Frame.
The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiver Coordinator for November is Gail England.
The Caregivers of the Week are Gail England and Sandra Triplett.
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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*The flowers today are given in celebration of the wedding of Jacob Gardner Warren and Sarah Jean Hoffheimer on Saturday, November 19, 2022.*

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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:

November 27: Lesley Ratcliff
December 4: Major Treadway
December 11: No Sermon, Advent Music by Choir
December 18: Lesley Ratcliff

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The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.  
For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

**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:** We will not meet tonight. We will meet again on November 27 at 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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NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

Beginning today, 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 with any questions.

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**2023 Northminster Deacon Officers**

At their October Meeting, the Deacons elected the following officers for 2023:

Chair: Thomas Elfert  
Vice Chair: Cathy Davis  
Secretary: Carrie Blount

Also, the Deacons elected Marty Kelly as Church Clerk, and George Smith as Church Treasurer.

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