

**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 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

**Monday, November 28**

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

**Wednesday, November 30**

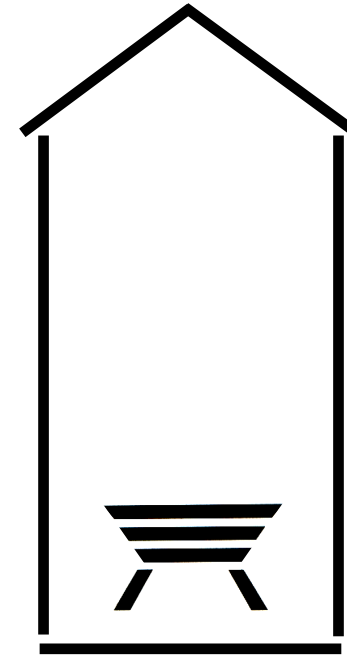
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
5:00 p.m. Advent Gathering for Woman, GH  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Boarding Homes, unpack boxes, GH  
9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

**Sunday, December 4**

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Rehearsal, Choir Room  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion  
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Nutcracker Outing  
1:00 p.m. Boarding Homes, GH  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, YH



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“It is the whole of nature, extending from the beginning  
to the end that constitutes the one image of God Who Is.”

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
 November 27, 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 house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord."  
 Isaiah 2:5

The Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Schultz

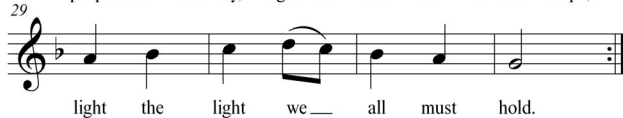
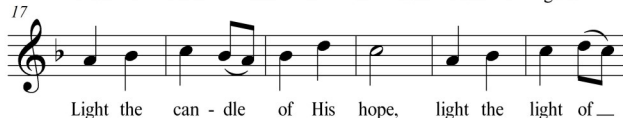
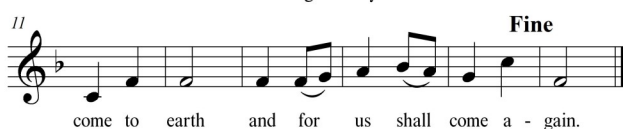
The Call to Worship "Savior of the Nations, Come" Coker/Bach  
*Savior of the nations, come; Mary's Son, make here your home.  
 Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.*

\*The Advent Banner Dudley Stancill

\*The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope Bowen Cox

# Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Children 1st time, Congregation 2nd time IL EST NÉ



\*The Processional Hymn No. 133 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

## **BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION** **NEXT 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.

**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 them 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

## ~~~~~ **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, November 28**

**Cooks**

Lisa Cobb  
 Gail England  
 Ann Calhoon

**Drivers**

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

**Meals on Wheels needs volunteers**

Meals on Wheels needs a driver for Wednesdays and a cook for Mondays.

If you are interested, please notify the following:

Drivers contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436

Cooks contact Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242

## ~~~~~ **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**December 4**

**Firecrackers**

Whitney & Slaters Veazey

**Sparklers**

Neely & Michael McGinnis

## ~~~~~ **BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**December 1**

Bo Allen

**December 8**

Bryan Bridges

## ~~~~~ **Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, December 6**

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

Children who have a birthday in December are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

A Service of Lessons and Carols will, as it has 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*, 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 instrumental accompaniment for the choir and the hymns 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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### **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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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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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### **Honduran 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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### **SPANN KINDERGARTENERS SING CAROLS**

You are invited to join the Adopt-A-School Committee

in listening to the Spann School Kindergarteners

sing Christmas Carols

Friday, December 9

at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall

## \*The Litany of Praise

Alex Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house  
of the Lord."

**People: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**All: Peace be within your walls.**

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

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## \*The Prayer of Invocation

Alex Williams

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"Prayer...gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words.  
It is the longing for God, love too deep for words."

Saint John Chrysostom

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jill Buckley

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

### \*The Offertory Hymn No. 163

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lo! how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens every load.

### \*The Offertory Prayer

Alex Williams

The Offertory Anthem

"But Who May Abide"

Handel

Jack McDaniel, *bass*

\*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 Matthew 24:36-44 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Fothergill

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ, our God, to earth descending,  
comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human likeness,  
in the body and the blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way  
as the Light from Light, descending  
from the realms of endless day,  
comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
as the darkness clears away.

The Sermon "The Hope of the Present" Lesley Ratcliff

### 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 an invitation to membership by 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 come forward at this point of the service.

### TIME OF RESPONSE

"Life is a luminous pause between two great mysteries, which themselves are one."  
Carl Jung

## 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:** Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, December 3, 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.

**Christmas Party:** Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m. White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Youth House! Throw on your ugliest Christmas sweater and come to the Youth House. Bring a wrapped gift that costs less than \$10.

**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. Signup in the Youth House or with Major.

**Mystery Trip 2023:** July 6-11. Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! Cost: \$250. Signup 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

The Angel Tree is in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. You may 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 has 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, 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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### 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.

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### The Northminster Choir

*Presents*

**"A Service of Lessons and Carols"**

**The Morning Hour of Worship**

**Sunday, December 11**

## 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 Blake Shipley, grandson of Northminster Financial Secretary Sam South. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Blake's family and friends.

Howard McMillan is hospitalized at Baptist.

## 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 the First Sunday of Advent**, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. The color purple reflects the Advent themes of confession and repentance as we "prepare the way of the Lord."

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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 Jennifer Stribling.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for November is Gail England.  
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt, Steve Godbold, Sarah Reynolds and Faye Barham.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Nena Carmody and Beth Smith.  
The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.  
The Liturgist for December is Gray Jackson.  
The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle.  
The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.  
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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

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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:*

**December 4:** Major Treadway  
**December 11:** The Northminster Choir Presents "*A Service of Lessons and Carols*"  
**December 18:** Lesley Ratcliff

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\*The Recessional Hymn No. 190

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

## "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to you we raise,  
once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar:  
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and king supreme,  
once revealed in power divine changing water into wine:  
Cana's holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed inviolent fight, conquering the devil's might,  
sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed:  
once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign:  
All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,  
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

\*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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

**The Lectionary passages for November 27 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 ~ page 550  
Psalm 122 ~ page 498  
Romans 13:11-14 ~ page 923  
Matthew 24:36-44 ~ page 806

## Musicians for today:

Marta Szlubowska, *violin 1*  
Milena Rusanova, *violin 2*  
Ausra Jasineviciute, *viola*  
Ben Randman, *cello*  
Glenn Hale, *string bass*

## 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.