

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, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

3:00 p.m. Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, December 7

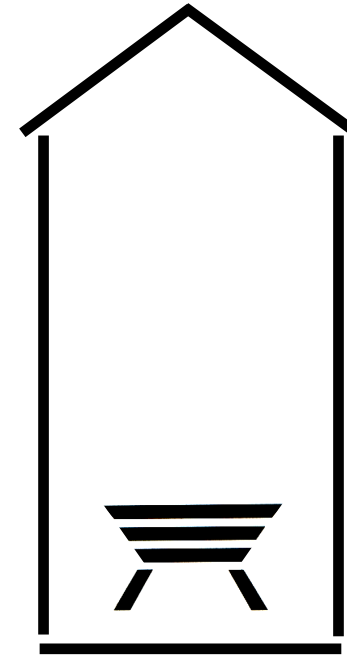
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9

10:30 a.m. Spann Kindergartners Caroling, GH
6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Lessons & Carols
11:00 a.m. Deacons' Luncheon
3:30 p.m. Caroling, YH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May you have enough interruption, enough unsettledness,
and
enough disturbance,
That you determine, no matter the cost,
You will cease your busy works,
Listen very quietly, and follow your quieted heart
to a birthplace.

And may you find in that birthplace...

Enough calm to soothe your spirit,
enough joy to embrace your disruption,
and enough peace to swaddle your heart.

- Ruth Lail Glaze

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent
 December 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

Advent. The coming of quiet joy. Arrival of radiant light in our darkness.
 - Anonymous

The Prelude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Wood

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.
 Come Lord Come!*

*The Advent Banner Edward Treadway

*The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace Sterling Massey

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

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

6 Light the light, the fire of life, let the
 can - dle re - veal His glo - ry. Je - sus Christ has

11 Fine
 come to earth and for us shall come a - gain.

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 Light the can - dle of His peace, light the light of —

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 an - gels sing - ing, light the can - dle of His peace,

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 light the light that — shone that night.

BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION

Today ~ 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
- Baking cookies and bringing them to the Great Hall today at 1:00 p.m.
- **Showing up today at 1:00 p.m.** to assemble and deliver bags to Boarding Homes

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, December 5

Cooks

Patsy Caraway
 Amanda Milam
 Peggy Brady

Drivers

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg
 Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

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 11

Chapel Coordinators

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Firecrackers

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

Sparklers

Weatherly & Becker Sams

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

December 8

Bryan Bridges

December 15

Amy Finkelberg

December 22

Jeff Wilson

December 29

Mike Peters

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 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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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 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

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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.  
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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**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 11: The Northminster Choir Presents “A Service of Lessons and Carols”
December 18: Lesley Ratcliff
December 25: Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 135 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *HYFRYDOL*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

*The Litany of Praise Brock Ratcliff

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you; let all together sing praise to the glory of God.

People: Blessed be the God who brings us together, whose amazing wonders fill the universe.

Leader: We are greeted by a voice beyond our hearing, welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.

People: All creation speaks to us of our Creator, who calls us into this community of caring people.

Leader: Listen, people of God, for a message of hope; look around you for opportunities to share good news.

All: The God of hope fills us with joy and peace; the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve in humble trust.

- Lavon Bayler

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Brock Ratcliff

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused your entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never got around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever!

- Maren C. Tirabassi

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 "I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

*The Offertory Prayer

Brock Ratcliff

The Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Giardiniere

*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 3:1-12

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

STUDENT NEWS

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

Boarding Homes: Today, 1:00 p.m. Gather in the Great Hall to assemble and deliver gift bags.

Christmas Party: Today, 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.

Caroling: Sunday, December 11, 3:30 p.m. We will gather with the 3rd-6th graders at the Youth House and go sing Christmas Carols before sharing a meal together.

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

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](mailto: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 are available throughout the church.

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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## 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

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 Howard McMillan, a member of Northminster since 2006. Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Eliza McMillan, Eliza and Rick Garraway, Katie Love Owen, Mary Hastings Garraway, West Garraway, and all of Howard’s family and friends.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Joe and Kandy Sims, Kirk, Caroline, Evelyn and Joseph Sims, Claire and Emma Holmes, and Mary Kate, Josh, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan, on the death of Joe’s sister, Pat Harmon.

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 Second 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.”

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 Elta Johnston.  
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt, Steve Godbold, Sarah Reynolds and Faye Barham.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Faye Barham.  
The Liturgist for December is Gray Jackson.  
The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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.

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| The Anthem | “The Dream Isaiah Saw” | Rudolph |
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Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,  
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,  
Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field:  
God will transfigure the violence concealed.  
Deep in the heart and in systems of gain,  
ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law.

Nature reordered to match God’s intent,  
nations obeying the call to repent,  
All of creation completely restored,  
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

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| The Sermon | “What Kind of Messiah?” | Major Treadway |
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THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| The Call to the Table | Lesley Ratcliff |
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| 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.” |

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| 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.” |

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| 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.                             |

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| The Bread | Worshipers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle. |
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| The Cup | Worshipers 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. |
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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 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 in the service.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Some of us walk into Advent  
tethered to our unresolved yesterdays  
the pain still stabbing  
the hurt still throbbing  
It's not that we don't know better;  
it's just that we can't stand up anymore by ourselves.  
On the way to Bethlehem,  
will you give us a hand?  
- Ann Weems

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 271 "Christ Is Coming! Let Creation" *CWM RHONDDA*

Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;  
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!  
(Prince of Peace!) Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

We can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;  
we shall yet behold your glory in your coming back to reign;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.  
(sing the strain.) Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung;  
let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!  
(quickly come!) Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

\*The Benediction *Major Treadway*

\*The Postlude "Christian Friends, Arise and Sing" *Burkhardt*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 11:1-10 ~ page 558  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 ~ pages 464-465  
Romans 15:4-13 ~ page 924  
Matthew 3:1-12 ~ page 784

### **Musicians for today:**

Mimi Linehan, *horn*  
Wayne Linehan, *trumpet*  
Ben Bullock, *trumpet*  
James Wilson, *trombone*  
Ken Lyon, *trombone*  
Bud Berthold, *percussion*  
Jason Mathena, *percussion*  
Wade Rackley, *tuba*

## 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.