



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

-2 Corinthians 5:17

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The First Sunday After Christmas Day
January 1, 2023
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

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends.
And with this joyful cry, worship begins and ends:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

-Fred Pratt Green

The Prelude "O Magnum Mysterium" Lauridsen

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Christmas Banner Vaughn Strum

*The Processional Hymn No. 157 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" *INDULCIJUBILO*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*The Litany of Praise Amanda Milam

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in God's sanctuary.

**People: Praise God for God's mighty deeds;
Praise God according to God's excellent greatness.**

Leader: Praise God with trumpets and harps;
Praise God with stringed instruments and pipes.

People: Praise God with loud resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Amanda Milam

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, January 1

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

Monday, January 2

Church office closed

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

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

6:00 p.m. Mentor Program Meeting, L/CR

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Deacons' Retreat, L/CR

Sunday, January 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Deacon Ordination

5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Baptism of the Lord, Sanctuary

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Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 22 through Sunday, March 5
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Library

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church, or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at 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 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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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, January 2

Cooks

Peggy Brady
Becky Wooley
Polly Bourne

Drivers

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rt. 2 Hilda & Bob Boteler

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

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**January 8**

**Firecrackers**

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

**Sparklers**

Camille & Drew Snyder

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

January 5

Scott Wilson

January 12

Jeff Wilson

January 19

Deacons

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 63:7-9
Hebrews 2:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
Forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light, Forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
Forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 155 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love,
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his heaven!
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

*The Offertory Prayer

Amanda Milam

The Offertory

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hudson

*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 2:13-23	Lesley Ratcliff
Leader:	This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
The Anthem	“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” Jack McDaniel, <i>bass</i>	Traditional
The Sermon	“New Year, Old Us”	Lesley Ratcliff

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table	Major Treadway
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.”

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.”

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.**

The Bread
Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup
Worshippers 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.

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

Great patient God, whose unending love fills our lives with second chances, may we be known for the patience and hope that fill our lives and our relationships.

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: Start back Sunday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m.

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

MLK Service Day: Monday, January 16. A time to be together, to serve and to reflect.

Stewpot: Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together.

Super Bowl Party: February 12, 5:00 p.m. until half-time is over. Come and watch the game, watch the commercials, or just eat and hang out. Just come. We'll watch the first half of the game and the halftime show.

Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction: February 19. Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips.

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.)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, January 6

6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, January 4.

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out:

February 3, March 3 and April 28.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, January 10

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Preschool Play Date & Elementary Service Day

Monday, January 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Preschoolers are invited to a playdate at Northminster from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Elementary aged children will meet at Northminster at 9:00 a.m. to make lunches for those participating in the clean-up day in Mid-City. We will take lunches to the Yellow Church, hear a speaker and return to Northminster by 1:00 p.m.

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.

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 First Sunday after Christmas Day. We are in the midst of Christmas-tide, a twelve-day celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the incarnation of God in the life of Christ. The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the purity of 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 Smith Boykin.  
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for January is Jean Welsh.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Hilda and Bob Boteler.  
The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.  
The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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Parents of sixth graders
are invited to attend the

Mentor Parents' Meeting

on

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Library.

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**Baptism of the Lord Vesper Service**

**January 8 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

Since 2004, Northminster has offered an annual evening service at which those who wish may receive baptism. For 2023, this opportunity will be offered on the evening of Baptism of the Lord Sunday, which falls on January 8.

If you wish to receive baptism in a smaller setting than our Sunday morning worship hour, you may wish to consider this opportunity. To have a conversation about baptism on the evening of January 8, please call one of the pastors before January 2.

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The church office will be closed

Monday, January 2. Caregiving will

meet Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 146 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" *ANTIOCH*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for January 1 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Isaiah 63:7-9 ~ page 605
Psalm 148 ~ page 508
Hebrews 2:10-18~ pages 971-972
Matthew 2:13-23 ~ page 784

Musician for today:

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

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.