

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.

-John M. Neale, 1851

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

Fill my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise;
That my whole being may proclaim
Your being and Your ways.

-Horatius Bonar

The Prelude "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Burkhardt

The Call to Worship "This Still Room" Davenport

*And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room,
For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control;
The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs;
And from the silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 612 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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 29

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
3:30 p.m. Guys' Scavenger Hunt
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

5:30 p.m. Missions Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 5

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Luncheon, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

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ADULT STUDIES

**From Fear to Love:
Spiritual Grounding in Anxious Times**

February 5, 19 and 26 ~ 5:30 p.m.
in the Adult Education Building

Jill Buckley and Margie Van Meter are offering this video-based series from the Henri Nouwen Center. Gatherings will include some video viewing, and further exploration of topics such as “Naming Fear, Claiming Hope” and “Transforming Anxiety into Hospitality.”

For questions, or to sign up, please contact
Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.
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**ANNUAL LUNCHEON and  
DESSERT AUCTION!**

**Sunday, February 19  
11:45 a.m. ~ Great Hall**

You are invited to our annual luncheon and dessert auction immediately following the worship service on *Sunday, February 19*. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Lunch will be catered, followed by the dessert auction hosted by the youth group. Adults and youth within the congregation provide desserts to be sold, with the proceeds supporting the retreats and projects of the youth group. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the youth.

**If you would like to provide a dessert for the  
auction, please email Major Treadway  
at [major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org) or  
contact the church office, 601-982-4703.**  
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Women’s Book Study

Tuesdays, February 7, 21, 28 and March 7
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

***Hope: A User’s Manual*
by MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

Lesley Ratcliff will lead an explanation of this book which discusses what hope is, what hope isn’t and how to find it in hopeless times.

Books are available in the church office for \$20.
A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.
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**PASTORAL CARE NUMBER**

**601-980-1002**

**\*The Litany of Praise**

Kirk Sims

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lord, who may abide in your sanctuary,  
And who may dwell upon your holy hill?

**People: The one who walks with integrity  
And speaks truth in one’s heart;**

Leader: Who honors those who fear the Lord;  
Who behaves honestly among God’s people.

**People: For blessed is the one who builds God’s kingdom.**

Leader: With righteousness, according to God’s will and commands.

**All: May we live lives of praise and goodness!**

-Psalms 1 and 15, *adapted*

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

*MEINEKE*

**\*The Prayer of Invocation**

Kirk Sims

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Micah 6:1-8  
I Corinthians 1:18-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Faith is only real when there is obedience, never without it, and faith only becomes faith in the act of obedience.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

**\*The Offertory Hymn No. 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

*DENNIS*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

Kirk Sims

The Offertory

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Manz

\*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 5:1-12 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "What Does the Lord Require?" Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly, with your God.  
Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly, with your God.  
How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace.  
What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly, with your God.

The Sermon 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 in the service.

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Seek ye the truth. Live in love eternal; and be ye free.  
-Tyrone King

\*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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS**

**5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall**

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children  
(12 and under) with a \$25 family maximum.

**February 1**

Fried chicken  
Rice consommé  
Spring salad  
Green beans  
Rolls/biscuits  
Assorted desserts  
Iced Tea

**Servers:** Anna Katherine Scott, Gloria Montgomery,  
Dea Dea Baker, Amy Williams, Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

February 5

Immediately Following Worship

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children's Ministries as we do at Northminster, to talk about upcoming Children's Ministries activities, and to share our gratitude for those who lead Sunday School and Sunday night activities. Children and their families, and all children's department teachers and their families are invited, but anyone who would like to learn more about Children's Ministries is welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Lesley Ratcliff at
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org
if you plan to attend.

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, February 3**

**6:00-10:00 p.m.**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office at **601-982-4703** by **Wednesday, February 1**.  
Please feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

*We will also have Parents' Night Out  
March 3 and April 28.*

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, February 7

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Northminster & Beth Israel Pulpit Swap

February 10th and 12th

In celebration of the ongoing friendship between Northminster and Beth Israel Congregation, Beth Israel will welcome Rev. Major Treadway to the pulpit on Friday, February 10th at 6:15 p.m.; and Northminster will welcome Rabbi Joseph Rosen to the pulpit on Sunday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Members of both congregations are encouraged to attend both services!

The 2023 Women's Retreat

February 24-26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

We will listen to each other's stories, participate in guided spiritual practices and deepen our friendships with one another.

Cost: \$175 per person; \$250 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending.

If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Lesley Ratcliff, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 5

Chapel Coordinators

Anna & Andy Frame

Firecrackers

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

Sparklers

Christine & Bryan Bridges

February 12

Firecrackers

Amanda & Trey Clark

Sparklers

Dana & Scott Wilson

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 6

Cooks

Kandy Sims

Gail Poole

Annette Hitt

Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams

Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Hyfrydol"

Helman

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

The Lectionary passages for January 29 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Micah 6:1-8 ~ page 757

Psalm 15 ~ page 430

I Corinthians 1:18-31 ~ pages 926-927

Matthew 5:1-12 ~ pages 785-786

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:

February 5: Major Treadway

February 12: Joseph Rosen, Rabbi, Beth Israel Congregation

February 19: Youth Sunday

February 26: Major Treadway


Chapel Communion

The Deacons have resumed offering communion between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when communion is offered during the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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 Tommy James, a member of Northminster since 1980. Christian sympathy is extended to Marsha, and all of Tommy’s family and friends.

Jack Root is recovering after surgery.

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	Eliza Skene	

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus’ earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.



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 Cheryl Allen.
 The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
 The Caregiver Coordinator for January is Jean Welsh.
 The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.
 The Caregiver Coordinator for February is Sheila Nicholas.
 The Caregivers of the Week are Betty Brown Edgar and Jean Welsh.
 The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.
 The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.
 The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and Kandy Sims.
 The Flowers for February are provided by Becky Frame and Jane Claire Williams.
 The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.
 The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today

immediately following the worship service

Agenda:

A vote on the recommendation of the Deacons to adopt the Long Range Plan as proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee. The proposed plan may be viewed on the website under “About” and “Committees,” or is available by request from the church office.

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: Tonight at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

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.)



Guys’ Scavenger Hunt

Today

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

First through sixth grade guys are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack today.

We’ll meet at the Northminster children’s entrance to start the hunt!

Please contact Lesley at 601-982-4703.



Northminster Essentials

Sundays through 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.



BRUMFIELD HOUSE

February 2

Joe Sims

February 9

Mike Peters