

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, February 12

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
11:45 a.m. Youth Committee, YH
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party, YH

Monday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

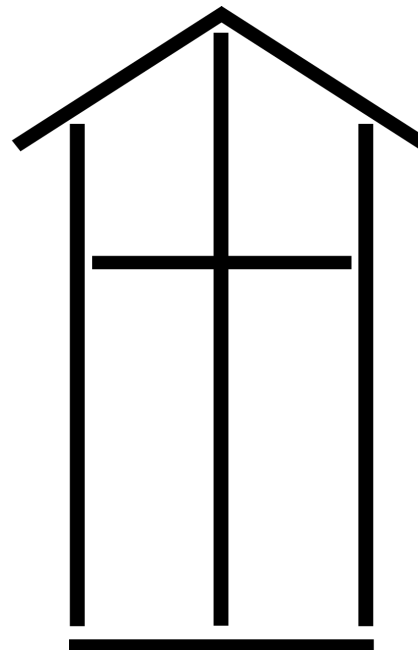
5:30 p.m. Yates/Strickland Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 18

6:00 p.m. Turner Yates/Stedman Strickland Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 19

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. Luncheon and Dessert Auction, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

You shall fear the Lord your God; the Lord alone you shall worship; to God you shall hold fast, and by the Lord's name you shall swear.

-Deuteronomy 10:20

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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

If you choose, you can keep the commandments; and to act faithfully is a matter of your choice. The Lord has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and the Lord has not given anyone permission to sin.

-Sirach 15:15, 20

The Prelude "Aria" Manz

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. 43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

*The Litany of Praise Jeff Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

People: Blessed are those who keep the Lord's commandments.

Leader: Blessed are those who seek the Lord with a pure heart.

People: Blessed are those who diligently study the word of the Lord.

Leader: Let us be joyful in our service to the Lord

People: Let us give thanks for the blessings of the Lord.

All: Let us praise the Lord with our heart, soul and mind.

-Psalm 119, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jeff Davis

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Deuteronomy 30:15-20
I Corinthians 3:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The one who lives without prayer, the one who lives with little prayer, the one who seldom reads the Word, the one who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence from on high—that one will be the one whose heart will become dry and barren.

-Charles Spurgeon, adapted

OLD BOARD GAMES NEEDED FOR BIBLE CAMP

If you have old board games that you would like to get rid of, please bring them to Northminster and place them in the blue container marked "board games" in the children's area or the office. We will be using the pieces for a Bible Camp craft, so the games do not need to be complete sets. Thanks for helping us prepare for Play It Forward Bible Camp 2023!

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**The Worship of God on Ash Wednesday**  
*Wednesday, February 22*

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service in  
the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 3

6:00-10:00 p.m.

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out

April 28.

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**GUYS VS GIRLS  
GAME DAY**

**Sunday, March 5**

First through sixth graders are invited for games in Northminster's backyard from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, March 7

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**February 16**

Ginger Parham

**February 23**

Bryan Bridges

**March 2**

Jimmy Allen

## 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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 15

**Menu:** Crunchy Romaine Toss, Chicken Spaghetti, Yeast Rolls, Assorted Homemade Desserts, Iced Tea

**Servers:** June Rankin, Joe D. Rankin, Hilda Boteler, Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

### A Lenten Gift

The Worship Committee has prepared the annual Lenten Guide, "A Lenten Journey," for use in the daily worship and meditations of our Northminster congregation and friends. Based on scriptures drawn from the Daily Lectionary, "A Lenten Journey" will provide daily thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22.

The Guide in booklet form will be available in the Church Office, (in the foyer outside the Office, in the Church Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as gathering areas outside the Sanctuary). It will also be available by a link on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### February 19

##### **Chapel Coordinators**

Taylor & Justin Beard

##### **Firecrackers**

Sophia Maneck & Rachel Roy

##### **Sparklers**

Ceejaye & Mitch Peters

### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Wednesday, February 15

##### Cooks

Missy Caver  
Judy Rankin  
Sara Hays

##### Drivers

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 17 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Jeff Davis

The Offertory

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Callahan

\*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 5:21-37

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

The Sermon

"Does God Laugh With Us?"

Joseph Rosen

### 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

To talk with God, no breath is lost; talk on. To walk with God, no strength is lost; walk on. To wait on God, no time is lost; wait on.

-E. Stanley Jones

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 532 "Be Thou My Vision"

*SLANE*

\*The Benediction

Joseph Rosen

\*The Postlude

"Let the Whole World Rejoice"

Wood

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for February 12 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ~ page 163  
Psalm 119:1-8 ~ page 493  
I Corinthians 3:1-9 ~ page 927  
Matthew 5:21-37 ~ page 786

**Musicians for today:**

Amulet Strange, *flute*  
Julie Hudik, *oboe*

**About Our Pulpit Guest**

Originally from Rochester, Minnesota, Rabbi Joseph Rosen has served at Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson since July of 2019. Rabbi Rosen graduated from Brandeis University with a degree in psychology prior to enrolling in rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. For his rabbinical thesis, he researched rabbinic and medieval interpretations of the Cain and Abel narrative in Genesis 4. Prior to serving at Beth Israel, he served pulpits in West Virginia, South Dakota, and Missouri. Outside the congregation, Rabbi Rosen seeks connections and avenues to make contributions to the greater Jackson community. He enjoys participating in discussions with other clergy and leaders as well as learning more about his new home in Mississippi.

**ADULT STUDIES**

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

**February 19 and 26 at 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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Do You Hear What I Hear?

Let the Psalms sing to you in your own small group setting!

Participants are invited to experience the Psalms in a personal way.

- ◆ Form your own group, of whatever size
- ◆ Agree on a convenient time and place to gather
- ◆ Download a guide sheet with suggestions and discussion starters
- ◆ Begin each session with a brief online video, then as a group explore the Psalms
- ◆ Independent groups will meet three or more times, according to their choice

If you prefer, you may attend an on-site meeting in the Adult Education building at 5:30 p.m. on March 5, 19, and 26.

For more information or to establish a group, email Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Unique in scripture, the Hebrew hymnal sings to us still!

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**Northminster Women’s Retreat 2023**

**Memoirs and Meaning**

Friday, February 24 – Sunday, February 26  
Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

We will explore stories from memoirs and from Scripture, and we will listen to one another’s stories, observing lessons that will renew and challenge our spirits, as we participate in guided spiritual practice 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.

The deadline to sign up has passed. If you would like to attend, please contact Lesley Ratcliff as soon as possible at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

**STUDENT NEWS**

**Youth Sunday School:** Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House. There will be donuts and good conversation.

**Super Bowl Party:** Today, 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.)

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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 or contact the church office, 601-982-4703.

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**Women's Book Study**

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

***Hope: A User's Manual*  
by Mary Ann McKibben Dana**

Leslie Ratcliff will lead us through a discussion of this book which explores 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.

**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**

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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 | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Sixth 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.

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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 Ginger Parham.
The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiver Coordinator for February is Sheila Nicholas.
The Caregivers of the Week are Janice Joyner and Sheila Nicholas.
The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.
The Flowers for February are provided by Becky Frame and Jane Claire Williams.
The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

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**UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO**

On Sundays, February 12 and February 26, Kelley Williams, Sr. will be taking updated photos for the directory in the Narthex immediately following worship. There is no need to sign up. Just show up and have your picture taken!

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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:

February 19:	Youth Sunday
February 26:	Major Treadway
March 5:	Lesley Ratcliff
March 12:	Courtney Stamey, Senior Pastor, Northside Baptist Church