

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, April 2

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
 5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
 5:30 p.m. Messiah Presentation, Sanctuary

Monday, April 3

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holy Week Meditation, Sanctuary
 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Communion, Chapel
 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holy Week Meditation, Sanctuary
 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Communion, Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Women's Lenten Gathering, GH

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holy Week Meditation, Sanctuary
 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Communion, Chapel
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, GH
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holy Week Meditation, Sanctuary
 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Communion, Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

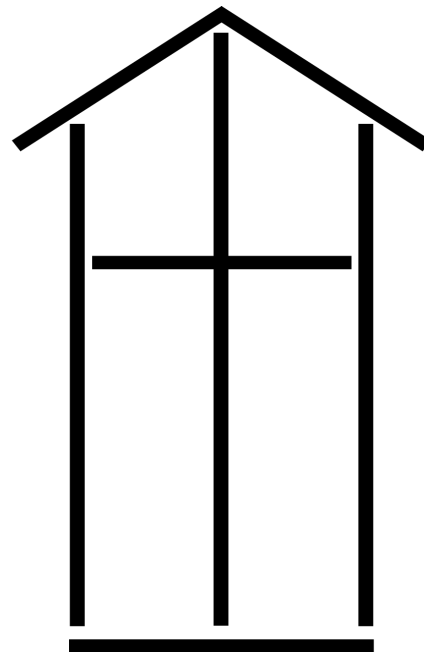
Friday, April 7

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Holy Week Meditation, Sanctuary
 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Communion, Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast, GH
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Evening Activities

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 3955 Ridgewood Road
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Say to the daughter of Zion,
 See your king comes to you,
 Gentle and riding on a donkey,
 And on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

—Matthew 21:5

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Palm/Passion Sunday
 April 2, 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

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart, to feel with thoughtful mind, and think with tender heart.

—Jane Marshall

The Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Pethel

The Call to Worship "Enter the Holy Gates" Saint-Saens

*Enter the holy gates with adoration,
 Bring the Lord an offering in the holy place.*

*Let heav'n rejoice, and let earth ring out praises.
 Let all exult at the face of the Lord, for he comes, Alleluia.*

*The Palm Procession

*The Procession of the Lenten Banner May Taylor

*The Processional Hymn No. 203 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

*The Litany of Praise Jim Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord God is with us; let us now adore God.

People: And with awe appear before God.

Leader: God is in God's temple; all within keep silence.

People: And bow before God with reverence.

All: The Lord alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise the Lord's name forever. Amen.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jim Anderson

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—I John 1:9

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, April 11

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, April 28**

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

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, April 26.

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

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Young Adult Class

Join us Sunday, May 7, 2023 for a planning meeting for this new class. We will meet during the Sunday school hour in room 105. Refreshments will be provided. You will have a chance to meet the class leaders and give us input on curriculum and schedule. If you have any questions, call the church office and ask for Lesley.

Hope to see you there!

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**Prints of Wyatt Waters Painting**

Would you like to have a print of the Wyatt Waters painting of Northminster presented to Chuck and Marcia Poole on the occasion of their retirement? Prints will be 9.25" x 12" and will cost \$135.00 each. At least 20 must be ordered for the limited edition to be produced.

If you are interested, please call Neely at 601-982-4703 or email her at [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org).



NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

**PLAY IT FORWARD**

**July 28-30, 2023**

Friday 5:30pm -8:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm  
 Sunday 9:00am-11:30am



To sign up, scan the QR Code or contact the church office for a form!

*Questions or to Volunteer?*  
**Contact Neely McGinnis**  
[neelylauderdale@gmail.com](mailto:neelylauderdale@gmail.com)  
 Or 769-257-8077



**KIDS BIBLE CAMP**

## Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Wednesday, April 12

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual  
Easter Egg Hunt in the Youth House Backyard!

Preschool and Elementary children can bring  
their baskets and hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

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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:

April 9: Lesley Ratcliff
April 16: Steven Fuller, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster
April 23: John Meadors, Professor, Mississippi College
April 30: Major Treadway

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### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Monday, April 3

| <u>Cooks</u>  | <u>Drivers</u>            |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Polly Bourne  | Rt. 1 John & Gayla Purvis |
| Jim Blackwood | Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall    |
| Cathy Davis   |                           |

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

April 6

Mitch Peters

April 13

Joe Sims

April 20

Cathy Davis

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### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### April 9

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

##### **Firecrackers & Sparklers**

Mary Sue Douglas & Karen Treadway

##### 10:30 a.m. Service

##### **Firecrackers**

Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

##### **Sparklers**

Laura & Patrick Taylor

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jill Buckley

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

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

DOVE OF PEACE

\*The Offertory Prayer

Jim Anderson

\*The Offertory Anthem "Christian People, Raise Your Song"  
Marlow and Mary Alden Ratcliff

Burroughs

Christian people, raise your song, chase away all grieving.  
Sing your joy and be made strong, our Lord's life receiving.  
Nature's gifts of wheat and vine now are set before us;  
As we offer bread and wine, Christ comes to restore us.

Come to welcome Christ today, God's great revelation.  
Who has pioneered the way of the new creation.  
Nature's gifts of wheat and vine now are set before us;  
As we offer bread and wine, Christ comes to restore us.

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Jill Buckley

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love, so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all! *Amen!*

The Sermon

"Who Is This?"

Lesley Ratcliff

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

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

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

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.

## 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

Thus chosen now, O Lord we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

—Jane Marshall

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 212 "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS LOVE*

\*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude "Fugue on the Kyrie" Couperin

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for April 2 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a ~ page 594  
Philippians 2:5-11 ~ page 954  
Matthew 21:1-11 ~ page 802

## The Northminster Choir will present Part 2 of Handel's *Messiah* tonight at 5:30 p.m.

*Messiah* remains one of western music's most popular sacred works. "Handel completed the entire score in only 24 days. Enthusiastic Romanticists of later eras would attribute this swiftness to divine inspiration, though Handel composed other works of comparable size, more secular in nature, just as swiftly. He was by nature a facile composer. The miracle of *Messiah*'s composition, then, is not how rapidly Handel wrote the music, but how comprehensively astute, finely-detailed, and consistently powerful it is." Although composed in 1742 and first performed in April of that year, it was a 1750 charitable performance for the benefit of London's Foundling Hospital that launched subsequent annual performances. "Easter-time performances of *Messiah* continued each year at the Foundling Hospital, and Handel conducted or attended every one of them until his death in 1759." In gratitude, he bequeathed to the hospital a conducting score and complete set of performance parts for *Messiah*. Part 2 is divided into 7 scenes, beginning with Christ's Passion, which is the longest scene and includes 5 choruses. Subsequent scenes in Part 2 are Christ's Death and Resurrection, Christ's Ascension, Christ's Reception in Heaven, The Beginnings of Gospel Preaching, The World's Rejection of the Gospel, and God's Ultimate Victory, which ends with the "Hallelujah Chorus" and concludes Part 2.

## ADULT STUDIES

### Our Friend, Lex:

### Understanding the Lectionary

April 16 and 23

5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building

Brock and Lesley Ratcliff will lead a series on the history and practicalities of the lectionary. If you have ever wondered how and why we choose the scriptures that we use each Sunday, this is a great opportunity to learn.

For more information email Lesley  
at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

In collaboration with the  
Dialogue Institute Mississippi

## Ramadan Interfaith Dinner

April 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

A time of fellowship will be followed by a presentation on fasting in the Muslim tradition from Sabri Agachan, State Representative of the Dialogue Institute Mississippi, and a presentation on fasting in the Christian Tradition from Major Treadway and Lesley Ratcliff. We will break the fast and the meal will begin at sunset, around 7:30, and will include food from Aladdin Mediterranean Grill, as well as food prepared by our Turkish friends and other Muslim families in our community.

Because food is being prepared by our friends, we kindly request reservations for dinner by Friday, April 14.

**To RSVP, please call or email the church office.**

## YOUTH 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.

**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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Women's Lenten Gathering

Tuesday, April 4

6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Join us for a time of reflection and creativity, led by Amy Williams and Lesley Ratcliff as we explore Lenten questions.

A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP to
Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.**

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### **HOLY WEEK AT NORTHMINSTER**

**Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7**

#### **Holy Week Meditations**

Monday - Friday  
Sanctuary  
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Communion in the Chapel**

Monday - Friday  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday Communion**

Sanctuary - 7:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday Tenebrae**

Sanctuary - 7:00 p.m.

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Easter Sunday Services

April 9, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Church-Wide Easter Breakfast

(during the Sunday School hour)

9:15 a.m. ~ Great Hall

Enjoy doughnuts, sausage biscuits, juice, milk and coffee as we fellowship with one another!

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**Please remember to bring flowers for the  
flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday.**

## 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 | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Palm/Passion Sunday**, the day commemorating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday stands at the beginning of Holy Week, the seven-day period preceding Easter which recalls the Passion of Jesus. Today is also the final Sunday in the season of Lent. The liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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 Eddie Mahaffey.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver Coordinator for April is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Brooks Elfert.

The Liturgist for April is Gwen Anderson.

The Flowers for April are provided by Kathryn Davis, Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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### **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 is the Savior we follow.