

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, March 12

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 p.m. Spring Break Movie Night, YH

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, GH
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Youth Service Opportunity, YH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

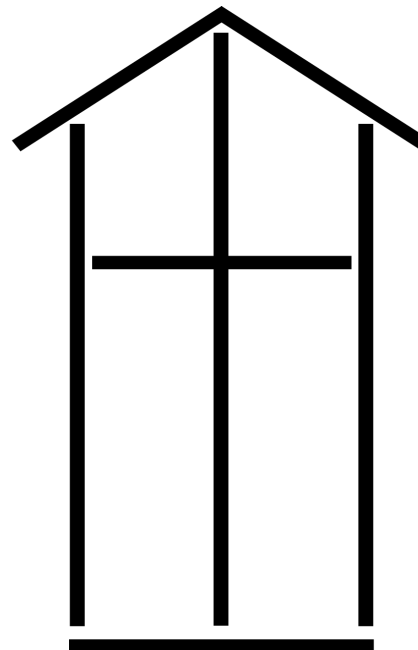
5:30 p.m. Senior Pastor Search Committee, L/CR

Friday, March 17

6:00 p.m. Youth Spring Break Lanes, Highball Lanes

Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
8:45 a.m. Committee Chairs Meeting, GH
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:45 a.m. Youth Committee, YH
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

Worship is not coming to God
to see what God is going to do.
Worship is God coming to you
to see what you are going to do.

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 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

Faith is praising God in the storm, trusting God in the valley, following God in the darkness. God will be faithful to you when you trust God no matter what place you find yourself in today.

The Prelude "Sons of Sorrow" Wood

The Call to Worship "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" Gibbons

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

The Procession of the Lenten Banner Marlow Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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

STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, March 20

Bob Boteler
Bill Thompson

Tuesday, March 21

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, March 22

Mary Taylor

Thursday, March 23

Sunny Fowler
Jan McDonnieal-Wilson

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

March 16

Bo Allen

March 23

Mike Peters

March 30

Kirk Sims

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, March 15

Cooks

Elizabeth Quinn

Peggy Brady

Becky Wooley

Drivers

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg

Rt. 2 Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 19

Firecrackers

Mary McCall & Will McArthur

Sparklers

Lisa & Farrar Strum

March 26

Chapel Coordinators

Camille & Drew Snyder

Firecrackers

Blair & Ryder Taff

Sparklers

Caroline & Jack Nowell

ADULT STUDIES

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 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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### Our Friend, Lex: Understanding the Lectionary

April 16 and 23

5:30 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.

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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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### Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out the information form inside the bulletin starting Sunday, March 19, and drop off at the church office or e-mail, [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org).

The names will be listed in the order of worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. (The cost per lily is \$10. **Please submit all names by Monday, March 27.**)

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Palm Sunday Processional

April 2

Children are invited to participate in waving palms for the processional at the 10:30 worship service.

*The Litany of Praise

Joe D. Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, You have called us by name and lifted our hearts.

People: Lord we praise Your name.

Leader: May we worship here as Your people, sent by the Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

People: Lord we praise Your name.

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri No. 807

"Glory Be to the Father"

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Joe D. Rankin

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Lord, lead me to make choices that bring You glory and allow me to experience the life You intended for me to live.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 212 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

*The Offertory Prayer Joe D. Rankin
 The Offertory "When Jesus Wept" Sclater
 *The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
 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 John 4:5-42 Lesley Ratcliff
 Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Unto Thee, O Lord" Aulbach
 Rose Mary Porter, *soprano*
 Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee.
 O my God, in thee have I trusted, let not thine enemies triumph over me.
 Show me thy ways. Teach me thy paths. Thou art the God of my salvation.

The Sermon "Water in the Wilderness" Courtney Stamey

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

Oh God, to know You is life, to serve You is freedom, to praise You is the soul's joy and delight.

-St. Augustine

*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM RHONNDA*
 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but thou art mighty—hold me with thy powerful hand:
 Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
 (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
 (give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.

*The Benediction Courtney Stamey
 *The Postlude "Psalm 117" Colvin

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: We will not meet tonight. Join us next Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

Spring Break Movie Night: Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Youth House.

Service Opportunity Making Lunches for Kids: Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. Meet in the Youth House. Lunch at Sal & Mookies.

Spring Break Lanes: Friday, March 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Highball Lanes. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Strike!

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**

**Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4  
 6:00 to 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 through reflection and creativity.

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

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Guys' Scavenger Hunt RESCHEDULED

Sunday, March 26

3:30-5:00 p.m.

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

We'll meet at the Northminster Children's Entrance to start the hunts!

Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

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**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 thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22.

The Guide in booklet form is available in the church office, in the foyer outside the office, in the Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as in gathering areas outside the Sanctuary. It is also available on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

**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**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Sherry and Richard Rula and Sara and Larry Cox on the death of Sherry and Sara’s brother, Mark Holland.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Brian, Stephanie, Brian Scott, Davis and Walker Rippee, on the death of Brian’s father, Doyle Rippee.

Jim Barfield is hospitalized at University Medical Center.

**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 third Sunday in Lent.**

Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus’ final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, 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.



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 Andy Frame.  
The Caregiving Chair for March is Janice Joynes.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for March is Faye Barham.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Helen Turner and Faye Barham.  
The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.  
The Flowers for March are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.



**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).

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Exodus 17:1-7 ~ page 56  
Psalm 95 ~ page 479  
Romans 5:1-11 ~ page 917  
John 4:5-42 ~ pages 864-865

**Musician for today:**

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

**About Our Pulpit Guest**

Rev. Courtney Stamey began serving as Senior Pastor June, 2018. Courtney received her BA from Gardner-Webb University in 2012, and MDiv from Wake Forest University School of Divinity in 2015. Courtney was ordained by FBC High Point, NC in 2014. Prior to coming to Northside, Courtney served as Chaplain Resident at Cone Health, and as Pastoral Resident at FBC Greensboro, NC and Peacehaven Community Farm. Courtney and her husband Michael live in Clinton. She enjoys being active and about town, playing sports including golf, softball, and disc golf, and sharing meals with friends.



**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:

**March 19:** Major Treadway  
**March 26:** Courtney Allen Crump, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church  
**April 2:** Lesley Ratcliff  
**April 9:** Lesley Ratcliff