

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 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
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 14

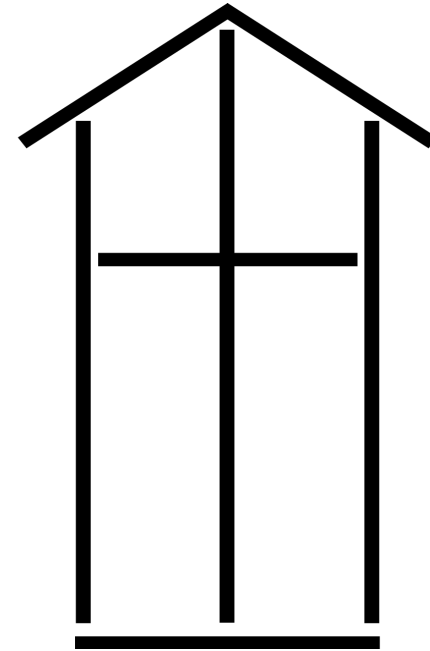
4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting, Room 204
6:00 p.m. Women's Lenten Gathering, GH

Wednesday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Committee, NCC
3:30 p.m. Guys' Scavenger Hunt, NCC Entrance
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

If instead of a gem, or even a flower,
we should cast the gift of a loving
thought into the heart of a friend, that
would be giving as the angels give.

-George MacDonald

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 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

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.
-Mother Teresa

The Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Milford

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 Vaughn Strum

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*The Litany of Praise Bill Lee

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Once we were in darkness, but now we live as children of light.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our
lives; and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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 McDonnical-Wilson

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

March 23

Mike Peters

March 30

Kirk Sims

April 6

Mitch Peters

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, March 27

Cooks

Helen Turner
Polly Watkins
Jean Welsh

Drivers

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 26

Chapel Coordinators
Camille & Drew Snyder

Firecrackers

Blair & Ryder Taff

Sparklers

Hart Wylie & Kirby Boteler

April 2

Firecrackers

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

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. tonight and March 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 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 Gloria Patri No. 807	“Glory Be to the Father”	<i>MEINEKE</i>
*The Prayer of Invocation		Bill Lee
The Greeting		Lesley Ratcliff
The Lessons	Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14	
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession
God’s salvation does not come in response to a changed life. A changed life comes in response to salvation offered as a free gift.

-Timothy Keller

The Silent Prayer		
The Assurance of Pardon		
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Brock Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 557	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	<i>SCOTT</i>
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Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:
*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Refrain:
Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain:

*The Offertory Prayer		Bill Lee
The Offertory	“Ah, Jesus, Dear”	Brahms
*The Doxology		<i>OLD HUNDRETH</i>

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.

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

Jim Barfield is hospitalized at University Medical Center.

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 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.

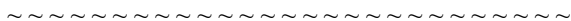
Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ’s sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent 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 TBD.
The Caregiving Chair for March is Janice Joyner.
The Caregiver Coordinator for March is Faye Barham.
The Caregiver of the Week is Lisa Cobb.
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.



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 26: Courtney Allen Crump, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
April 2: Lesley Ratcliff
April 9: Lesley Ratcliff
April 16: Steven Fuller, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster

TIME OF RESPONSE

When we learn to move through suffering, rather than avoid it, then we greet it differently. We become willing to let it teach us. We even begin to see how God can use it for some larger end.

-Henri Nouwen

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539 “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light” HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world,
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

*In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain:

I’m looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain:

*The Benediction Major Treadway
*The Postlude “O God Beyond All Praising” Lasky
*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for March 19 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

I Samuel 16:1-13 ~ pages 226-227
Psalm 23 ~ pages 435-436
Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ pages 951-952
John 9:1-41 ~ pages 871-872