MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH Every member a minister

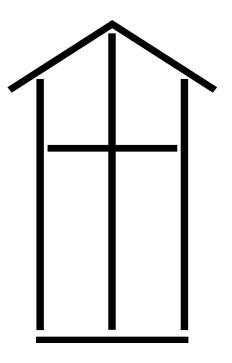
Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Associate Pastor for Children and Adults Lesley Ratcliff Major Treadway Associate Pastor for Students Minister of Music Tim Coker Sheila Hess Organist Organist Emeritus Billy Trotter Office Manager Leslie Ward Financial Secretary Sam South Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley Receptionist/Secretary Lamenais Simeon Sexton

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

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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

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 beauteous 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,"

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! 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

The Lord be with you. Leader: People: And also with you.

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

STEWPOT 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 23

Mike Peters

March 30

Kirk Sims

April 6

Mitch Peters

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, March 27

Cooks **Drivers**

Helen Turner Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara Polly Watkins Rt. 2 Hilda & Bob Boteler

Jean Welsh

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!

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.

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!

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.

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.)

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" MEINEKE

*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"

SCOTT

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

"Ah, Jesus, Dear"

Bill Lee Brahms

OLD HUNDREDTH

The Offertory
*The Doxology

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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 9:1-41 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Pote

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.

Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.

Leads me in the path of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,

and in the house of my God I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

The Sermon "The Sight of a Blind Man" Major Treadway

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House.

There will be donuts and good conversation.

<u>Sunday Nights at the Youth House</u>: Tonight at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

<u>Passport 2023</u>: 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.)

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.

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

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! Please contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

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

Jim Barfield is hospitalized at University Medical Center.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Cheryl Allen

Roxanne Aldridge
Jack Cochran

Robbie Cross
Michael Grantham

Sue Edwards
R.W. McCarley
Vivian Thompson
Tom Starling
Eliza Skene

Virginia Hamilton
Libby McGee
Gorman Schaffer
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 Katcliff 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 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

^{*}The congregation will please stand.