



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.  
Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Teach them to do everything I have told you.  
I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.  
—Matthew 28:19-20, CEV

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Eastertide**  
 April 16, 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

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

—John 4:23, KJV

The Prelude “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Pethel

The Call to Worship “Christ the Lord Hath Risen” Parker/Coker

*Christ the Lord hath risen / From his three-day prison,  
 Meet it is to make merrie, / Jesus will our solace be. Alleluia.  
 Christ our victor Giant / Quells the foe defiant:  
 Let the ransomed people sing, / Glory to the Easter King. Alleluia.*

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Graham Levenway

\*The Processional Hymn No. 254 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
 sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
 see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
 once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,  
 Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
 there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;  
 now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
 Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
 Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
 Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

\*The Litany of Praise Elizabeth Quinn

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**People: Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before the Lord's presence with thanksgiving.

**People: O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**All: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.**

**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 16**

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, GH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
11:30 a.m.	Mentor Program Lunch, GH
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. Bldg.
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

**Monday, April 17**

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

**Tuesday, April 18**

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

**Wednesday, April 19**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Ramadan Interfaith Dinner, GH

**Sunday, April 23**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Bldg.

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## ATTENTION GRADUATES

(or parents of graduates)

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or lward@northminsterbaptist.org with name, degree and school information.

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### BRUMFIELD HOUSE

April 20

Cathy Davis

April 27

Jimmy Allen

May 4

Bryan Bridges

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### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 23

**Firecrackers**

Camille & Drew Snyder

**Sparklers**

Sandra & Rob Triplett

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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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### Children's Birthday Gathering

**Tuesday, May 9**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

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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 or text Lesley at 601-927-0259.

Hope to see you there!

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Elizabeth Quinn

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

### THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Hannah Rhodes Ely

Daughter of Robert and Cori Ely

The Litany of Dedication

Major Treadway

Leader: We are here today to present Hannah Rhodes to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

**Parents: We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.**

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

**People: That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

**People: She will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her into a loving relationship with God?

**Parents: We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.**

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

**People: Yes, we too, will share in her growth, for she belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

**People: For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalms 16

I Peter 1:3-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

—Romans 10:10, NKJV

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 239 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

DUKE STREET

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my everliving Head

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my Prophet, Priest and King!

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Elizabeth Quinn

The Offertory

"Beautiful Savior"

Wood

\*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

John 20:19-31

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

In collaboration with the

Dialogue Institute Mississippi

## Ramadan Interfaith Dinner

**Wednesday, April 19, 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 when the meal begins at sunset, around 7:30; it 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 Monday, April 17.

**To RSVP, please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org).**

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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. Those wishing to order will need to notify Neely by April 21 at 601-982-4703 or [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) and pay the church. Anyone interested in placing an order after April 21 would need to contact Wyatt Waters directly.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, April 19

### Cooks

Jan Stewart  
Rose Mary Porter  
Kathryn Davis

### Drivers

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara  
Rt. 2 Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

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## Liturgy of the Light

**Sunday, April 30 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary**

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children.

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## Senior Recognition Sunday

**On April 30** Seniors will be recognized during Sunday morning worship. Following the service, Seniors, families, and special guests are invited to a luncheon.

**Seniors/Parents of Seniors:** Please contact Major or the church office to let us know how many people will attend.

**Juniors:** We need your help to host the luncheon. You will be the servers for the banquet; let Major know if you can help with this great time to celebrate the graduating Seniors.

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## 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.

**End of the Year Party:** Sunday, May 7, 5:00 p.m. A party to celebrate the coming of summer. More details to follow.

**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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## ADULT STUDIES

### Our Friend, Lex:

### Understanding the Lectionary

Tonight and April 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).

This will be offered as a two part video series.

NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

**PLAY**

IT FORWARD



**July 28-30, 2023**

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



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**

The Anthem

“Christ Is Now Arisen”

Scott

Now the song is begun, for the battle is done,  
And the victory won: now the foe is scattered:  
Death's dark prison shattered:  
Sing of joy; And today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!  
They that followed in pain shall not follow to reign,  
And the crown shall obtain;  
They were sore assaulted, they shall be exalted:  
Sing of joy; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!  
For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore,  
When the conflict is o'er;  
There is joy supernal; there is peace eternal;  
Sing of life; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!  
Then be brave, then be true, ye despised and ye few,  
For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you,  
Spreads His buckler o'er you.  
Sing of strength; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!  
Lo, the vict'ry is won, and the foe is scattered,  
Death's dark prison shattered!  
Hallelujah, earth and skies bid it rise,  
Christ is now arisen! Hallelujah!  
Come today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

The Sermon

“Don't Let the Gospel End”

Steven Fuller

## 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

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, O, sinner, come home.

—Will L. Thompson, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 247 “The Day of Resurrection”

ELLACOMBE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “all hail” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!  
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

\*The Benediction

Steven Fuller

\*The Postlude

“At the Lamb's High Feast”

Grams

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for April 16 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 ~ pages 885-886  
Psalm 16 ~ pages 430-431  
I Peter 1:3-9 ~ page 983  
John 20:19-31 ~ page 883

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### About Our Pulpit Guest

Rev. Steven Fuller grew up the son of a Baptist preacher in Raleigh. He earned his Masters of Divinity from Wake Forest University, where he met his wife, Chase. They have three children: Wake, Georgia Beckon, and River, the first two of whom were dedicated to God at Northminster. In his life of ministry, Steven has served Methodist, Moravian, and Baptist congregations, most recently as pastor of First Baptist Church of Gastonia, NC. He currently works as an editor for a research group engaging public health issues across the country. He is perhaps best known at Northminster as the Associate Pastor who composed such timeless Bible Camp hits as “Hammer! Hammer! Hammer!” and “Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!” along with other youth house songs with more words in the title, like “Good Morning, Sleepy Dragon” and “Everybody Wants His Name in a Song.” His song catalog would be incomplete without mentioning the duet he performed with Charles Eugene Poole, “What Would Chuck Tweet?,” a viral sensation that one Northminster member said was “really funny.”

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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 23:** John Meadors, Professor, Mississippi College  
**April 30:** Major Treadway  
**May 7:** Major Treadway  
**May 14:** Lesley Ratcliff

### 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       |
| Carolyn Aden     | Vivian Thompson | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Robbie Cross     | Tom Starling    |                   |
| Michael Grantham | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Alan Loving, son-in-law of Sheila Hess

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the Second Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

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 Holly Wiggs.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver Coordinator for April is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Amanda Milam.

The Liturgist for April is Gwen Anderson.

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

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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### UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO

Today, 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!