

## 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 30

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/Senior Recognition
11:30 a.m.	Senior Recognition Lunch, GH
4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light Practice, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light Vesper Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 1

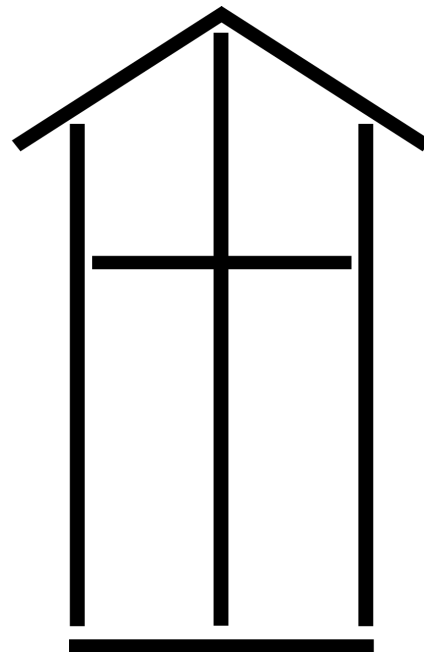
8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

### Wednesday, May 3

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 7

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
2:30 p.m.	Lucy Elfert, Senior Voice Recital, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m.	Youth end-of-the-year Party, YH



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Your word is a lamp before my  
feet and a light for my journey.

—Psalm 119:105, CEB

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide**  
April 30, 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

Sometimes the voice of God speaks loudly and clearly. More often God speaks in a quiet voice. Are you listening?

The Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

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 Iyanu Carson

\*The Processional Hymn No. 317 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"  
*OLD HUNDREDTH*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

\*The Litany of Praise Dabbs Massey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before the Lord with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord who made us and we are the Lord's.

**People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and the Lord's courts with praise.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord and praise the name of the Lord.**

-Psalm 100, adapted

**Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders**

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office at 601-982-4703 or [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org).

***This year's new Youth Group members:***

Betsy Beard Sasha Hammack Cobb Hendrix  
Anders Quinn Madyson Shields

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**May 7**

**Firecrackers**

Lida & Gregg Caraway

**Sparklers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

**May 14**

**Firecrackers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

**Sparklers**

Kelly & Josh Guyton

## 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](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org) with name, degree and school information.

### 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.

### Poncho Drive

Stewpot's Opportunity Center is in need of plastic ponchos. They are hoping to collect 100 ponchos by the end of May. If you would like to participate in this effort, you can drop ponchos by the church office, take them directly to Stewpot during normal business hours, or have them shipped directly to the Opportunity Center:

Stewpot Opportunity Center  
845 W. Amite St.  
Jackson MS 39203

### BRUMFIELD HOUSE

May 4

Bryan Bridges

May 11

Skipper Jernigan

May 18

Cheryl Allen

May 25

Scott Wilson

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 Gloria Patri No. 807

“Glory Be to the Father”

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Dabbs Massey

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Recognition of High School Seniors

### 2023 Northminster Graduates

Owen Carter  
Roger Stribling

Lucy Elfert  
William Walker

William Seymour  
Ivey Yelverton

The Lessons

Acts 2:42-47

I Peter 2:19-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Ask the Lord to make your life a glory to the Lord, a menace to the devil, a strength to your church and a witness to the world.

—Frederick P. Wood, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

#### **Refrain:**

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

#### **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

#### **Refrain**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Dabbs Massey

The Offertory

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

Callahan

\*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 10:1-10                      Major Treadway  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem                      “The Lord Is My Shepherd”                      Rutter  
The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me; thy rod and staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me;  
thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Sermon                      “New Pasture, Same Shepherd”                      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.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Walk boldly and wisely in the light of the Lord, for the hand of the Lord will lead you on.

—Philip James Bailey, adapted

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *CWM RHONDDA*

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                      Major Treadway

\*The Postlude                      “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”                      Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

## 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. A few spaces remain. Contact Major ASAP if you want to go.

**Mystery Trip 2023: July 6-11.** Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! Cost: \$250. A few spaces remain. Contact Major ASAP if you want to go. (Cost should never be a barrier to participation; please let Major know if you or someone you know needs financial assistance to participate.)



## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, May 1

#### Cooks

Annette Hitt  
Kandy Sims  
Lisa Cobb

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Troy Browning & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

### Wednesday, May 17

#### Cooks

Shari Culver  
Jo Ann Welch  
Carolyn McIntyre

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin

## 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!

## **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**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jordan and Casey Baine Hollingshead on the occasion of their marriage Saturday, April 29.

Mary Lou Jernigan is hospitalized at Baptist.

## **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 Fourth 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 Jeff Wilson.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for April is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for May is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Anne Guidry and Gail England.

The Liturgist for April is Gwen Anderson.

The Liturgist for May is Amy Williams.

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

The Flowers for May are provided by Becky Frame, Lisa Kelly, Jill Buckley and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

**The Lectionary passages for April 30 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 2:42-47 ~ page 886

Psalms 23 ~ pages 435-436

I Peter 2:19-25 ~ pages 984-985

John 10:1-10 ~ page 872

## **Musician for today:**

Julie Hudik, *oboe*

## **Liturgy of the Light**

**Today ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary**

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

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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:

**May 7:** Major Treadway

**May 14:** Lesley Ratcliff

**May 21:** Amy Finkelberg, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Adults

**May 28:** Major Treadway and Lesley Ratcliff

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*The flowers for today are given on the occasion of the wedding of Jordan and Casey Hollingshead.*