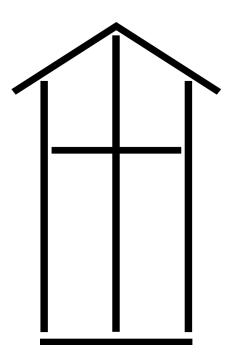
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Cindy and Jeff Wilson by Scott, Dana, Rhodes and Reeves Wilson Tim Coker and Sheila Hess by The Choir James Kelley and Jean Williams by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams Lyllian McMullan by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams Jean and James Kelley Williams by Amy and George Williams The Choir by Jo Ann Welch Chuck and Marcia Poole by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Sarah Smith and Jennifer Smith Rymer Suzanne and Bill Boone by Elizabeth and Stewart Boone Sheila Hess given anonymously Our Pastors by Grateful members Our Northminster Staff by Grateful members Andy, Anna, Sybil and Davis Frame by Becky and Tim Frame, Bee and Papa The Mary Foose Class by Jim and Elta Johnston Northminster Ministers and Staff by Jim and Elta Johnston Annette Hitt by Kimberly Blount Suzanne Smith by Kimberly Blount Gwen Anderson by Bailey Blount Northminster Ministers and Staff Northminster Choir Anne Sullivan Brawley by Valerie G. Linn Shari and Mark Culver given anonymously Kathryn and Keith Davis given anonymously Becky and Guy Parker given anonymously Ann and Gerry Lauman by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey Carolyn Aden by Gray Jackson Carolyn Aden by Eddie, Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey Dean Mahaffey by Eddie, Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey Elizabeth, Percy, Chesley, Anders, Adella and Sims Quinn by Leah, Tal, Cobb, Ann Mabry, Mary Tait and Walt Hendrix Anna, Andy, Sybil and Davis Frame by Leah, Tal, Cobb, Ann Mabry, Mary Tait and Walt Hendrix Kandy and Joe Sims by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan Reid and Hayes McMillan by Sarah McMillan Judy and Guy Parker by Becky and Guy Parker



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes! He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with the saints to reign! —Robert Lowery THE ACT OF WORSHIP Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 **Eight o'clock ***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

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

-Martin Luther

The Prelude	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"	Pethel			
The Call to Worshi	p "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	**Hallie McGinnis ***Sasha Hammack				
*The Processional	Hymn No. 234 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	" EASTER HYMN			
	Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!				
	Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!				
	Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!				
	Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!				
*The Placement of	the Paraments				
*The Return of the Pascal (Christ) Candle		**Dudley Stancill ***Kate Samuels			
*The Litany of Praise		Thomas Elfert			
Leader:	The Lord be with you.				
People:	And also with you.				
Leader:	Christ the Lord is risen!				

People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Judy Green by Dabbs and Jeffery, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey Wayne and Zeita Parker by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey Barry Burleigh Aden by Eddie, Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey Robert Joseph Mahaffey, Sr. by Eddie, Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey Wanda and J.B. Fowler by David and Sunny Fowler Ann and Mac McDonnieal by David and Sunny Fowler John S. McIntyre and Anne McIntyre Black by Carolyn and John McIntyre W.R. and Elizabeth Newman by Carolyn and John McIntyre Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Pruet by Ann and Rick Calhoon Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Calhoon by Ann and Rick Calhoon Katheryn and Clifford Williams by Kelley and Jean Williams Reather and Calhoun Pittman by Kelley and Jean Williams Jann Enola Pace by Patricia Pace J. Clifford and Martha Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Kyra Robertson Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Behm by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Robertson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Tracey R. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Janice Tyre by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson Charles Bacon by his Northminster friends Peggy Sims by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan Pinky and Dale Stockstill by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan Mary and Jim Hendrick by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak Ethan Clark by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak Larry Clark by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak W.C. and LaVerne Hester by Jack and Shirley Geary Ernest and Edith Vigour by Jack and Shirley Geary Ann and Mac McDonnieal by Jan and Daron Wilson, Zac and Tori Thompson John Quarles by Lori Quarles Wallace McMillan by Sarah McMillan Marion Black by Rebecca Black Dr. and Mrs. John R. Lovelace by Rebecca Black Natie P. Caraway by Patsy B. Caraway Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bond by Patsy B. Caraway Felicita Smith and Jason Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith Lawrence and Merle Crumpton and Gayle Crumpton by Randall and Brenda Smith Louis and Dorothy Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith Taylor McMullan by Tonia Fornea Anne Peters by Mike Peters Mr. and Mrs. Kinton Polk by Jeff and Cindy Wilson Dr. and Mrs. Dudley Wilson by Jeff and Cindy Wilson

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Colossians 3:1-4 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God. **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** The Meditation of Confession Jesus, you teach us to ask for forgiveness daily. Help us also to forgive any who sin against us. Give us the grace you have shown us by your sacrifice for our sake. Amen The Silent Prayer The Assurance of Pardon The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION *The Offertory Hymn No. 243 "Christ Is Alive" Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time. Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns. In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

"Glory Be to the Father"

Jeremiah 31:1-6

*The Gloria Patri No. 807

*The Praver of Invocation

The Greeting

The Lessons

*The Offertory Pra	yer	Thomas Elfert
*The Offertory	"Today God's Only Begotten Son"	Bach
*The Doxology		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	
	Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Allelu	ia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MEINEKE Thomas Elfert Lesley Ratcliff

TRURO

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD			MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH Every member a minister		
The Gospel Leader: People:	Matthew 28:1-10 This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Major Treadway	Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commis sioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called b this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.		
The Anthem	"Fanfare for Easter" Alleluia! Now is Christ risen from the dead and is become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. Alleluia!	Marshall	Associate Pastor for Children and Adults Associate Pastor for Students Minister of Music Organist Organist Emeritus Office Manager	Lesley Ratcliff Major Treadway Tim Coker Sheila Hess Billy Trotter Leslie Ward	
The Sermon	"Suddenly!"	Lesley Ratcliff	Financial Secretary Receptionist/Secretary	Sam South Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley	
	COMMITMENT		Sexton	Lamenais Simeon	
others. During the by request for bapt experience in anoth	open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life Time of Response, this church extends an invitatio ism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement her denomination. If you would like to unite with t come forward at this point in the service.	n to membership of your Christian	THE CHURC Sunday, April 9 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	H IN SERVICE Worship Service Easter Breakfast, GH Worship Service	
	TIME OF RESPONSE		Monday April 10	No Evening Activities	
"Give me thy heart," says the Father above. Softly God whispers wherever thou art, "Gratefully trust me, and give me thy heart." —adapted from a hymn by E.E. Hewitt			Monday, April 10 Tuesday, April 11 8:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m	Church office closed Caregiving, L/CR Childran's Pirthday Cathoring, CH	
1 t P F	Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth The kingdom of this world is become he kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings nd Lord of lords. Hallelujah!	Handel	3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH Men's Bible Study, L/CR Easter Egg Hunt Choir Rehearsal Chapel Communion Mentor Program, GH Sunday School	
*The Postlude	"Toccata"	Widor	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication	
*The congregation will please stand.		11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Mentor Program Lunch, GH Youth Committee, YH		
The Lectionary paper of the Dectionary paper of the Dection of the	assages for April 9 are found on the following p	ages in the	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456 Youth, YH Deacons' Meeting, L/CR	

Jeremiah 31:1-6 ~ page 641 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ pages 492-493 Colossians 3:1-4 ~ page 957 Matthew 28:1-10 ~ page 811

**Eight o'clock service

***Ten-thirty o'clock service

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 16:	Steven Fuller, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster
April 23:	John Meadors, Professor, Mississippi College
April 30:	Major Treadway
May 7:	Major Treadway

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 16

Chapel Coordinators Jane Claire & Nason Williams Firecrackers Krysten & Jay Jernigan **Sparklers**

Neely & Michael McGinnis

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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.

> **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. If you are interested, please call Neely at 601-982-4703 or email her at neely@northminsterbaptist.org.



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

Northminster is saddened by the death of Jack Cochran, a member of Northminster since 1979. Christian sympathy is extended to Pauline Cochran and all of Jack's family and friends.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Sue Edwards

Tom Starling Eliza Skene

R.W. McCarley

Cheryl Allen	
Roxanne Aldridge	
Carolyn Aden Robbie Cross	
Robbie Cross	
Michael Grantham	

Virginia Hamilton Libby McGee Vivian Thompson Gorman Schaffer

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Easter Sunday, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season 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.

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 Trey Clark.
- The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiver Coordinator for April is Annette Hitt.
- The Caregiver of the Week is Crisler Boone.
- The Liturgist for April is Gwen Anderson.
- The Flowers for April are provided by Kathryn Davis, Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

The church office will be closed Monday, April 10. Caregiving will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 8:30 a.m. For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

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>: We will not meet tonight. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship Sunday, April 16.

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

<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 for the coming. 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.)

Children's Birthday Gathering Tuesday, April 11 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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

ADULT STUDIES Our Friend, Lex:

Understanding the Lectionary

April 16 and 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.

Ramadan Interfaith Dinner

April 19, 2023 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 and the meal will begin at sunset, around 7:30, and 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 Friday, April 14.

To RSVP, please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or lward@northminsterbaptist.org.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, April 19

<u>Cooks</u> Jan Stewart Rose Mary Porter Kathryn Davis Drivers Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara

Rt. 2 Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

<u>April 13</u>

Joe Sims <u>April 20</u> Cathy Davis

April 27

Jimmy Allen

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!