

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, May 14

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

Monday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Deacon Nominating Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Sr. Pastor Search Cmte., Adult Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 19

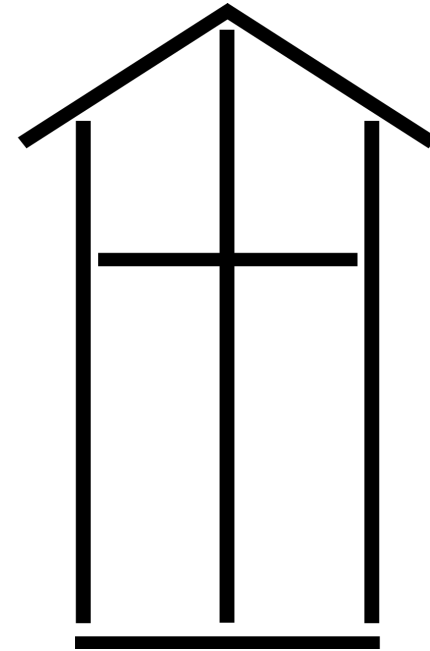
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Davis Simmons & Sarah French

Saturday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Wedding/Davis Simmons & Sarah French

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Practice, Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. Mentor Luncheon, GH
11:45 a.m. Youth Committee, YH
1:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Suffering invites us to place our hurts in larger hands. In Christ we see God suffering – for us. And calling us to share in God’s suffering love for a hurting world. The small and even overpowering pains of our lives are intimately connected with the greater pains of Christ. Our daily sorrows are anchored in a greater sorrow and therefore a larger hope.”

—Henri Nouwen

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide
 May 14, 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

“Followers of Christ have been called to peace...And they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ, nothing is to be gained by such methods...Christ’s disciples keep the peace by choosing to endure suffering themselves rather than inflict it on others. They maintain fellowship where others would break it off. They renounce hatred and wrong. In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a war and hate.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Prelude	“Thanks Be To Thee”	Handel
The Call to Worship	“O Be Joyful in the Lord”	Yarrington
	O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song Bless the Lord!	

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Sterling Massey

*The Processional Hymn No. 43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *EIN’ FESTE BURG*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, is he;
 Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
 one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thank to them, abideth;
 the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
 God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 21

Chapel Coordinators
 Camille & Drew Snyder
Firecrackers
 Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Sparklers
 Natalie & Drew Levanway

May 28

Firecrackers
 Leah & Tal Hendrix
Sparklers
 Whitney & Slaters Veazey

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, May 17**

|                     |                       |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>Cooks</u></b> | <b><u>Drivers</u></b> |                             |
| Shari Culver        | Rt. 1                 | Laine & Bob Hardin          |
| Jo Ann Welch        | Rt. 2                 | Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin |
| Carolyn McIntyre    |                       |                             |

**Monday, May 22**

|                     |                       |                                |
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| <b><u>Cooks</u></b> | <b><u>Drivers</u></b> |                                |
| Ann Calhoon         | Rt. 1                 | Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo |
| Kelly Hicks         | Rt. 2                 | Marianna Field & Janet Holt    |
| Gail England        |                       |                                |

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

May 18

Cheryl Allen

May 25

Scott Wilson

June 1

Mike Peters

June 8

Jeff Wilson

June 15

Trey Clark

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**UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO**

On the third Sunday of each month, 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 pictures taken!

## K2 Retreat

Friday, June 9 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
until

Saturday, June 10 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend the **K2 retreat** in the Youth House.

If your child would like to attend, please contact  
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

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SPLASH DAY

Wednesday, June 7 ~ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Children and their families will gather in the backyard at Northminster for water slides, splash pools and sprinkler fun! Bring your swimsuit, towels and sunscreen; and we'll provide a snack supper.

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## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Begins June 4, 9:15-10:15

Summer Sunday School is rotation based with a story, games, music, acting and crafts.

We hope your kids will join us!

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, June 6
3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

*The Litany of Praise

Jason Greener

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: People of God, come and hear the good news of God's love.

People: **The Lord takes the darkness of the world and transforms it with the joy of light and hope.**

Leader: Come and hear the good news of God's mighty power.

People: **The Lord restores us, turns defeat into victory, and fills the world with the joy of peace.**

Leader: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings.

People: **The Lord hears our cries and renews our spirits.**

All: **All glory, laud, and honor to God!**

—Psalm 66:8-22 by Joan Stott, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807 "Glory Be to the Father"

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Jason Greener

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 66:8-20

I Peter 3:13-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God, we love how you love us. We love how you free us. We love what you have given and created to surround us. Help us to recognize, and to rejoice in, what has been given, even in the midst of what is not given. Help us not to doubt all that you have given us, even when we feel our very real shortcomings. We thank you for the promise and sign of your love in Christ, pervading all things in the universe, unbound by any of our categories of logic or theology. In return, we offer you our bodies, our lives, our racing minds, and our restless hearts into this one wondrous circle of love that is you. My life is no longer just about me; it is all about you. Amen.

—Richard Rohr

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Amy Finkelberg

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
or 769-257-8077



KIDS BIBLE CAMP

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 636 "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If you will trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure,
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whatever your Father's pleasure
and all discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul
that trusts in him indeed.

*The Offertory Prayer Jason Greener

The Offertory "Adagio" Franck

*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 14:15-21 Amy Finkelberg

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "If Ye Love Me" Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

The Sermon "On Suffering for Good" Lesley Ratcliff

YOUTH NEWS

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

Escape the Youth House:

June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Come help us work our way through clues and puzzles and find our way out before time expires.

Burgers and Ballet:

June 13 at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for burgers at Roosters in Fondren before heading over to Thalia Mara to watch the International Ballet Competition at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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 21: Amy Finkelberg, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Adults
May 28: Major Treadway and Lesley Ratcliff
June 4: Major Treadway
June 11: Jill Buckley, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Community Ministry

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 21, 2023

~ immediately following the worship service ~

AGENDA:

- 1.) Election of three members for the Committee on Committees.
Nominated by the Deacons
- 2.) Vote on 2022 Budget Surplus

STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, June 12

Hilda & Bob Boteler

Tuesday, June 13

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, June 14

Mary Taylor

Thursday, June 15

Sunny Fowler
Jan McDonnical-Wilson

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 Ed and Carolina Hall Geraghty on the occasion of their marriage Friday, May 5.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Sarah Smith Newcomb on the occasion of their marriage Saturday, May 6.

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	Mary Sue Douglas
Michael Grantham	Eliza Skene	Mary Lou Jernigan

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Alan Loving, son-in-law of Sheila Hess

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Sixth 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 Carrie Blount.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for May is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Betsy Greener and Nena Carmody.

The Liturgist for May is Amy Williams.

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

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

## **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**

"Pain is a holy angel who shows us treasures that would otherwise remain forever hidden. It must be so and I tell myself this in my present situation over and over again. The pain of suffering and of longing, which can often be felt even physically, must be there, and we cannot and need not talk it away. But it needs to be overcome every time, and thus there is an even holier angel than the one of pain; that is, the one of joy in God."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak, to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude

"Celebrate with Joy and Singing"

Callahan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for May 14 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 17:22-31 ~ page 902  
Psalm 66:8-20 ~ pages 459-460  
I Peter 3:13-22 ~ page 985  
John 14:15-21 ~ page 877