



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

This is the blessing we cannot speak by ourselves.

This is the blessing we cannot summon by our own devices,
cannot shape to our own purposes, cannot bend to our own will.

This is the blessing that comes when we leave behind our aloneness,
when we gather together, when we turn toward one another.

This is the blessing that blazes among us when we speak
the words strange to our ears,

when we finally listen into the chaos,

when we breathe together at last.

—Jan Richardson

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

May 21, 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

When I am fully alert to whoever is right in front of me, when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something that I am doing.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

The Prelude "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Travis

The Call to Worship "Sing Ye to the Lord" Titcomb
Sing ye, sing ye, sing ye to the Lord
who ascended, who ascended to the
heav'n of heav'n to the sun rising.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Mary Phillips Beard

*The Processional Hymn No. 262 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWELL

*The Litany of Praise Sasha Hammack

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ has risen from the tomb and turned our tears and mourning into joy and happiness.

People: We give thanks to you, O Lord.

Leader: Christ tears the bread, turning our despair into hope.

People: We give thanks to you, O Lord.

Leader: The Lord our God has forgiven us from our sins and given us a new chance.

All: We give thanks to you, O Lord.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Sasha Hammack

The Greeting Betsy Beard

The Lessons Acts 1:6-14
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 21

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 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
1:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., Adult Ed. Bldg.

Tuesday, May 23

5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte., Adult Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, May 22

Cooks

Ann Calhoon
Kelly Hicks
Gail England

Drivers

Rt. 1 Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

Monday, June 5

Cooks

Peggy Brady
Patsy Caraway
Amanda Milam

Drivers

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rt. 2 Hilda & Bob Boteler

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## BRUMFIELD HOUSE

### May 25

Scott Wilson

### June 1

Mike Peters

### June 8

Jeff Wilson

### June 15

Trey Clark

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STEWOPOT 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

The Celebration of the Mentor Program

The Litany of Blessing

Lesley Ratcliff

Pastor: The young people before us today are at a turning point in their lives. They are leaving the path of childhood and entering the path of young adulthood.

Sixth graders: We are ready for the journey.

Congregation: Your family of faith will be with you every step of the way. Though we cannot all be present with you today, we will be faithful witnesses to your journey, and seek to encourage and support you. May our presence on your journey remind you of God's love for you and God's call upon your lives.

Sixth graders: We will remember and be true to God's love and calling.

Congregation: May God continue to bless your journey as you seek God's path. May God grant us all the grace, vision, and strength to walk in the light of Christ's love.

Amen

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Dear God, we are sorry we have not loved our neighbors. We have not listened to the cries of those in need. God have mercy on us, for we have stifled generosity and left little time for others. Help us to be better. Amen.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 263 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*The Offertory Prayer

Anders Quinn

The Offertory "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Manz

*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 17:1-11

Cobb Hendrix

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Sing Praises"

Glarum

Sing praises, sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is King, for God is King,
for God is King o'er all the earth.
He is King all o'er the earth.

The Sermon

"Better Together"

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

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

Dear God, help us receive the Holy Spirit. Everything we have, you have given us. Let the peace of Christ live in us so that we will want to serve in all we do. Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 498 "I Love to Tell the Story" *HANKEY*

*The Benediction Amy Finkelberg

*The Postlude "Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for May 21 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Acts 1:6-14 ~ pages 884-885
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 ~ pages 460-461
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 ~ page 986
John 17:1-11 ~ page 879

Mentor Sunday

For six Sunday mornings, the sixth graders and their Adult Mentors have explored some of the basic tenets of our faith, including topics such as worship, Baptist history, baptism, communion, youth discipleship, prayer, and other-mindedness.

The Adult Mentors listed below have served as witnesses, and have represented this community of faith, as these sixth graders have prepared for their graduation from the children's department to the youth house. This Sunday the sixth graders have prepared our liturgy and led us in worship. This is a Sunday to celebrate and bless our sixth graders.

Mentees

Betsy Beard
Sasha Hammack
Cobb Hendrix
Anders Quinn

Mentors

Hart Wylie
Caroline Sims & Jill Buckley
John Purvis
Dabbs Massey

Cover Meditation offered by Anders Quinn

Meditation of Preparation offered by Betsy Beard

Litany of Praise offered by Sasha Hammack

Meditation of Confession written by Cobb Hendrix

Time of Response written by Cobb Hendrix

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 pictures taken!

The flowers for today are given on the occasion of the wedding of Davis and Sarah Simmons.

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.

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.

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!

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 28

Firecrackers

Leah & Tal Hendrix

Sparklers

Whitney & Slaters Veazey

June 4

Firecrackers

Caroline & Kirk Sims

Sparklers

Amanda & Trey Clark

YOUTH NEWS

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

Stewpot: Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen, prepare a meal and serve it at Stewpot; then, we will eat lunch together.

Escape the Youth House:

June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Come help us work through clues and puzzles to 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.

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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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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 28: Major Treadway and Lesley Ratcliff
June 4: Major Treadway
June 11: Jill Buckley, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Community Ministry
June 18: Lesley Ratcliff

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## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **Today**

immediately following the worship service

### **Agenda**

- 1.) Election of three members for the Committee on Committees.  
Nominated by the Deacons:

Matt Kelly  
Neely McGinnis  
Mitch Peters

(Per the Northminster Bylaws, additional nominations may be made at the congregational meeting

- 2.) Vote on 2022 Budget Surplus
- 3.) Update from Senior Pastor Search Committee

## **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 Allan Webb, a member of Northminster since 1998. Christian sympathy is extended to Helen Webb and all of Allan's family and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Davis and Sarah French Simmons on the occasion of their marriage Saturday, May 20.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lee and Jordan Russell on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Bennett Russell. Lucy is also welcomed by Campbell and Maggie Russell and her grandparents, John and Becky Wooley.

Jann Puckett is recovering after surgery.

Mary Sue Douglas is hospitalized at Baptist.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cheryl Allen     | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Roxanne Aldridge | R.W. McCarley   | Libby McGee       |
| Carolyn Aden     | Vivian Thompson | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Robbie Cross     | Tom Starling    | Mary Lou Jernigan |
| Michael Grantham | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Alan Loving, son-in-law of Sheila Hess

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Seventh 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 Cheryl Allen.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for May is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Leigh Eley and Ann Calhoon.

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.