

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, July 30

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m. Bible Camp
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day
11:00 a.m. Children's Playdate

Friday, August 4

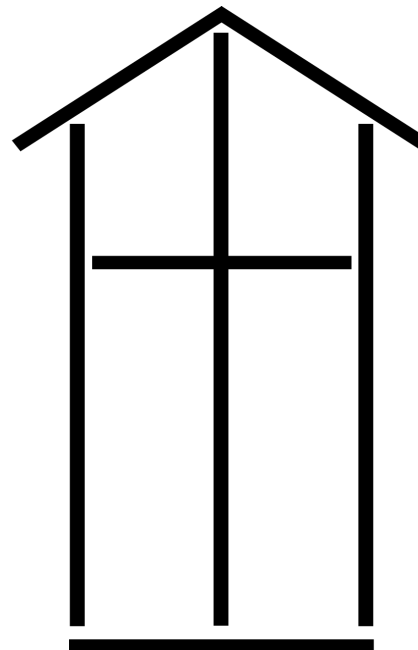
7:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in begins

Saturday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Youth Lock-in ends

Sunday, August 6

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies;
Christ our Lord, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.
—Folliot S. Pierpont, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 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

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.
Earth and heaven both are still watching
though time is draining from the clock
and your walk, that was confident and quick,
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let
the heart still play its true part.
Love still as once you loved, deeply
and without patience. Let God and the world
know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.
—Mary Oliver, “The Gift”

The Prelude “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Milford

The Call to Worship “It’s Our Turn” Fuller

The blocks are stacked against us
There’s an obstacle ahead
We’ve run into some resistance
With nowhere to run instead
But we didn’t come through the wilderness
To go back home to bed

It’s our turn
To face the wall, make it fall
It’s our turn
Win or lose, we get to choose
Our future’s in the hands of a loving Lord
And it’s our turn

The dots we’ve been connecting
Are gonna come up short
We see where the game is going
And know it’s gonna hurt
But if faith takes us to the fire
Then we’ll risk getting burned

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ODE TO JOY

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

August 3

Skipper Jernigan

August 10

Mitch Peters

August 17

Cathy Davis

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 6

Firecrackers

Taylor & Justin Beard

Sparklers

Ramsey & Brian Long

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, August 7

Cooks

Lisa Cobb
Annette Hitt
Kandy Sims

Drivers

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

CHILDREN’S SERVICE DAY & PLAYDATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children who have completed first through sixth grade are invited to join us for a morning of service and then participate in the playdate at 11:00.

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children younger than first grade are invited to join the playdate at the church.

COMING SOON!

**Intergenerational Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing,
Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 13

5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

If you would like to make homemade ice cream for this event, please contact Lesley Ratcliff (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

Wyatt Waters Prints

If you have already ordered a print of the Wyatt Waters painting presented to Chuck and Marcia Poole on the occasion of their retirement, it is available to be picked up at the church office. Please contact the church office at 601-982-4703 or lward@northminsterbaptist.org with any questions.

(You may order directly from the Wyatt Waters Gallery if you would still like a print at <https://wyattwaters.com/products/print-in-the-clouds>.)

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Lock-in

Friday, August 4-Saturday, August 5. The Decathlon is back! Ten games. One Champion. You'll want a towel and a change of clothes. Leave your sleeping bag at home.

Stewpot

Saturday, August 5, 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together. Email Major to sign up. (major@northminsterbaptist.org)

Lake Party

Sunday, August 20. Put this evening on your calendar now. We'll gather at Lake Lorman where we'll eat dinner, tube and swim. More details soon.

Back to Youth

Sunday, August 27, 5:30 p.m. in the Youth House. This event is for parents and youth (childcare available for younger siblings). Parents and youth will eat together before youth depart for a video scavenger hunt while parents meet together with Major and other Youth Leaders to talk about the year ahead. When the youth return, we'll put what treasures they discover on the big screen.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| J. W. Caver            | B.S. in Marketing, University of Mississippi                     |
| Charlotte Layne Palmer | B.A. in Psychology, University of Mississippi                    |
| Walker Rippee          | Bachelor of Accountancy, University of Mississippi               |
| Blair Stockett         | Masters of Business Administration, Mississippi State University |
| Carter Stockett        | Bachelor of Accountancy, University of Mississippi               |
| Major Treadway         | Doctor of Ministry, Duke University                              |
| Nevin Wells            | Masters in Sports Analytics, University of Mississippi           |

*Please call the church office at  
601-982-4703 or email  
[hward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:hward@northminsterbaptist.org) with  
name, degree and school information.*

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Sundays through August 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

We hope your kids will join us!

*The Litany of Praise

Kyle Watson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: My soul takes delight in observing your testimonies, O God.

People: **The unfolding of your words gives light and understanding to your people.**

Leader: Let Your face shine upon us, Lord, and teach us your laws.

All: **Turn to us, and be gracious as we walk in the pathways of your word.**

—Psalm 119:129-135, adapted

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Kyle Watson

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Genesis 29:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

O thou in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all.

—Joseph Swain, "O Thou in Whose Presence"

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 701 "God Is Here!"

BEECHER

*The Offertory Prayer

Kyle Watson

The Offertory "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Burkhardt

*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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Thiman
 Lucy Elfert, *soprano*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
 But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
 A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek!
 To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!
 But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
 The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
 Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

The Sermon "Expectations" 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

Give me a love that knows no ill; give me the grace to do Thy will.
 Pardon and cleanse this soul of mine; give me a heart like Thine.
 Come to my soul, blessed Jesus; hear me, O Savior divine.
 Open the fountain and cleanse me; give me a heart like thine.
 —Judson W. Van De Venter, "A Heart Like Thine"

*The Recessional Hymn No. 697 "In Christ There Is No East or West" *ST. PETER*

*The Benediction Major Treadway

*The Postlude "The Church's One Foundation" Pethel

**The congregation will please stand.*


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

Genesis 29:15-28 ~ pages 22-23
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b ~ pages 484-485
 Romans 8:26-39 ~ pages 919-920
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 ~ page 795

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 J. George Smith, a member of Northminster since 1993. Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Elizabeth Smith and all of J. George's family and friends.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Libby McGee
Carolyn Aden	Vivian Thompson	
Robbie Cross	Tom Starling	
Michael Grantham	Eliza Skene	

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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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 Jennifer Stribling.  
 The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.  
 The Caregiving Coordinators for July are Faye Barham and Annette Hitt.  
 The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.  
 The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Steve Godbold.  
 The Caregivers of the Week are Steve and Melissa Godbold.  
 The Liturgist for July is Richard Joiner.  
 The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.  
 The Flowers for July are provided by Jennifer Stribling, Lisa Kelly, Jane Claire Williams and Kathryn Sams.  
 The Flowers for August are provided by Kandy Sims, Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kathryn Davis.  
 The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.  
 The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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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:

August 6: Lesley Ratcliff
August 13: Jason Coker, President, Together for Hope
August 20: Lesley Ratcliff
August 27: Lesley Ratcliff