

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, August 13

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Promotion Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Backpack Blessing &
Ice Cream Social, GH

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

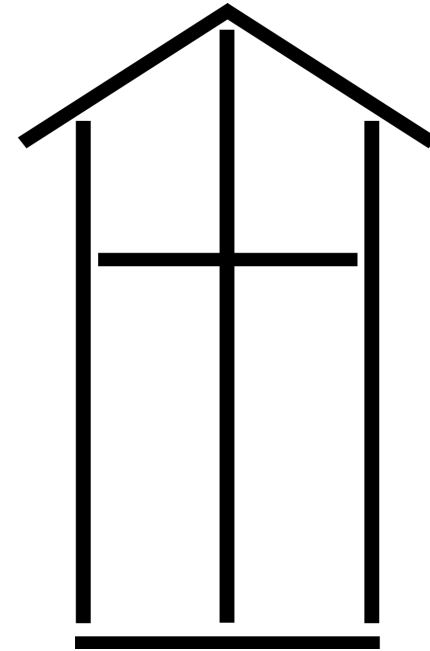
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, L/CR
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 17

5:30 p.m. Missions Committee, L/CR

Sunday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:45 a.m. Youth Committee, YH
4:00 p.m. Youth Lake Party, Lake Lorman
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

My faith in God, who is eternally loving and constant, even as my understanding grows and changes, makes life not only worth living, but gives me the courage to dare to disturb the universe when that is what [God] calls me to do. Sometimes simply being open, refusing to settle for finite answers, disturbs the universe. Questions are disturbing, especially those which may threaten our traditions, our institutions, our security. But questions never threaten the living God, who is constantly calling us, and who affirms for us that love is stronger than hate, blessing stronger than cursing.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 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

Open, Lord, my inward ear, and bid my heart rejoice;
Bid my quiet spirit hear the comfort of thy voice.
Never in the whirlwind found,
or where earthquakes rock the place —
Still and silent is the sound, the whisper, of thy grace.

From the world of sin and noise and hurry I withdraw;
For the small and inward voice, I wait with humble awe.
Silent am I now and still, would not in thy presence move;
To my waiting soul reveal the secret of thy love!

—Charles Wesley

The Prelude “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Bach

The Call to Worship “Psalm 150” Lewandowski

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in His holiness,
Praise the Lord in His firmament,
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power!

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” *ELLACOMBE*

*The Litany of Praise Amanda Milam

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O people of God!

People: We are here! We call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Give thanks to God and sing praises.

People: We sing of the wonderful works of the Lord.

Leader: The hearts of the people who seek the Lord – rejoice!

People: Continually, we seek the presence of the Lord.

ALL: For we are a people of God! Praise the Lord! Amen.

—Adapted from Psalm 105

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Amanda Milam

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Romans 10:5-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

TODAY!

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 20: Lesley Ratcliff

August 27: Lesley Ratcliff

September 3: Major Treadway

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, August 16

Cooks

Kathryn Davis
Jan Stewart
Rose Mary Porter

Drivers

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Steve Bass

STEWOPOT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, August 21

Mary & Chico Taylor

Tuesday, August 22

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, August 23

Hilda & Bob Boteler

Thursday, August 24

Bill Thompson

Margie Van Meter

Elementary Atrium,

Girls of Grace

and

Guys 456

will resume

September 10

5:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 27 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Three year-olds through kindergartners who plan to participate in Atrium this fall are strongly encouraged to attend atrium orientation with their parents. If this is your child's first year to participate in Atrium, this is an important introduction to the Atrium for both of you, and if your child is returning to the Atrium, this is an opportunity to refresh the children's memories and help parents understand the structure of the Atrium.

Preschool Atrium will resume on September 10 at 5:00 p.m. with all other regular children's activities.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Lake Party

Sunday, August 20, 4:00-7:00 p.m. We'll gather at Lake Lorman where we'll eat dinner, tube and swim. Join our party to end the summer and kick off the school year.

Back to Youth

Sunday, August 27, 5:00 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 with Major and other youth leaders to talk about the year ahead. When the youth return, we'll put the treasures they discover on the big screen.

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**August 17**

Cathy Davis

**August 24**

Bryan Bridges

**August 31**

Jimmy Allen

**September 7**

Mike Peters

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 20

Chapel Coordinators

Anna & Andy Frame

Firecrackers

Emileigh & Brennan Williams

Sparklers

Neely & Michael McGinnis

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, August 22***

***3:00-5:00 p.m.***

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

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Wednesday Night Supper Resumes September 13

5:30 pm ~ Great Hall

Come join us for a delicious meal and a brief vespers service!

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Grace is something you can never get but can only be given. There's no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks or bring about your own birth.

A crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace.

There's nothing you have to do.

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There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it.

Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.

— Frederick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 442 "O Come to Me, the Master Said" *KINGSFOLD*

*The Offertory Prayer *Amanda Milam*

The Offertory "Let All Things Now Living" *Cherwien*

*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 14:22-33* *Lesley Ratcliff*

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "I Sought the Lord" *Marrolli*

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
always thou lovedst me, always thou lovedst me.

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

We go now from this community of faith to our greater community. We go now to encourage, to provoke, to incite, to persuade, to entice others to love and to be loved. We go, but we do not go alone. We leave this place having been reminded that we are part of a community of faith. We leave this place knowing that God goes with us.

- *The Recessional Hymn No. 60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *FAITHFULNESS*
- *The Benediction Jason Coker
- *The Postlude “Fanfare” Lemmens

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 13 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 ~ page 30
- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b ~ pages 484-485
- I Kings 19:9-18 ~ pages 284-285
- Psalm 85:8-13 ~ page 473
- Romans 10:5-15 ~ page 921
- Matthew 14:22-33 ~ page 796

About Our Pulpit Guest

The Rev. Dr. K. Jason Coker is the President of Together for Hope, the rural development coalition of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is also the Field Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mississippi. After nearly two decades of life and ministry in Connecticut, Coker returned to his home state of Mississippi to work for peace and justice in areas of persistent rural poverty. The lessons of human compassion and equality he learned as a minister guide his work in poverty relief.

He is the author of *James in Postcolonial Perspective: The Letter as Nativist Discourse* (Fortress Press, 2015) and *Faded Flowers: Preaching in the Aftermath of Suicide* (Smyth & Helwys, 2020). He also is the co-editor of *Bible and Theory: Essays in Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Stephen D. Moore* (Fortress Academic, 2020).

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.

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 Eleventh 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 Eddie Mahaffey.
- The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Steve Godbold.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Melissa and Steve Godbold.
- The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.
- The Flowers for August are provided by Kandy Sims, Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kathryn Davis.
- The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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Welcome Events for Scott Dickison and His Family

Sunday, September 3

A Welcome Potluck

We will welcome the Dickisons to Northminster at our annual Labor Day potluck in the Great Hall, immediately following worship. The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family, plus one more. Please bring serving utensils, and label your dishes and serving pieces.

Sunday, September 10

Scott’s First Sunday in the Pulpit

Scott will preach for the first time at Northminster during the worship service on September 10.

A formal installation service and reception will be held at a later date.