



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

If I'm confused, or upset, or angry,
if I can go out and look at the stars,
I'll almost always get back a sense of proportion.
It's not that they make me feel insignificant;
it's the very opposite;
they make me feel that everything matters,
be it ever so small,
and that there's meaning to life
even when it seems most meaningless.

– Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 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

You liberate me from my own noise and my own chaos.
From the chains of a lesser law, You set me free.
You satisfy me till I am quiet and confident.
In the work of the Spirit, I cannot see.
In the silence of the heart, You speak.
And it is there that I will know You
And You will know me
In the silence of the heart
You speak, You speak.
In the silence of the heart.

—Abbye West Pates, *You Speak*

The Prelude “Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest” Callahan

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. 317 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *OLD HUNDRETH*

*The Litany of Praise Kimberly Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The face of God shines upon the people.

People: Our God is a gracious God.

Leader: May the plan of God be made known.

People: And may the people of God bear witness.

Leader: May the righteousness of God give guidance.

People: May the way of the Lord be revealed.

Leader: Let all the nations be joyful and sing with gladness.

People: Let all the people of God lift up our voices.

ALL: With joy we sing our praises to our God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

—Adapted from Psalm 67

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Kimberly Blount

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 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

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
5:30 p.m. Denominational Relations Cmte. L/CR

Wednesday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Preschool Atrium Orientation, NCC
5:00 p.m. Back to Youth, YH

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Save the Date!
Inward and Onward:
The Future of Church and Self
October 14-15, 2023

This fall you will have three opportunities at Northminster to hear from Ed Bacon, priest, speaker and author of *8 Habits of Love*.

**“8 Tools for Discovering Your True Self
of Love Beneath Life’s Fears”**

Saturday, October 14
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Traits of Healthy Churches”

Sunday, October 15
Immediately following worship
Lunch will be provided,

Rev. Bacon will also offer the sermon during worship on October 15.

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“Time heals,” people often say. This is not true when it means that we will eventually forget the wounds inflicted on us and be able to live on as if nothing happened. That is not really healing; it is simply ignoring reality. But when the expression “time heals” means that faithfulness in a difficult relationship can lead us to a deeper understanding of the ways we have hurt each other, then there is much truth in it. “Time heals” implies not passively waiting but actively working with our pain and trusting in the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rick Gregory

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 552 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *OLIVET*

*The Offertory Prayer Kimberly Blount

The Offertory “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 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 15:21-28

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Hine Ma Tov”

Ginsberg

Hine ma tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad.
How good it is and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together.

The Sermon

“I Will Provide for You There”

Lesley Ratcliff

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 don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing God directly just as God knows us! But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

—I Corinthians 13:12-13 (The Message)

*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude "Fanfares for the Reeds" Phillips

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 20 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Genesis 45:1-15 ~ page 37
- Psalm 133 ~ page 501
- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 ~ page 599
- Psalm 67 ~ page 460
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 ~ pages 921-922
- Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28 ~ page 797

Musician for Today
Amulet Strange, *flute*

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**Welcome Events for the Dickison Family**

**Meal Train**

The Dickisons will be moving to Jackson on August 21. We know that many of you will want to welcome them with a meal. In order to avoid overwhelming them with food, we have created a Take Them a Meal schedule so that you can sign up to take the Dickisons food if you wish.

**Go to [www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CYDZ0723](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CYDZ0723) to sign up!**

**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 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 10.

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

**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

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**PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION**

**Sunday, August 27 at 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 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.

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**Preschool Atrium,
Elementary Atrium
and Four5Six**

**will resume on
September 10 at 5:00 p.m.**

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, August 28**

**Cooks**

Gail England  
Ann Calhoon  
Kelly Hicks

**Drivers**

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

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Rising First Graders

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first official entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class.

On Sunday, September 17, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.

Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take an in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal, talk about why we worship, and create worship bags. Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Lake Party

Today, 4:00-7:00 p.m. We'll gather at Lake Lonman 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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**STEW POT FOOD PANTRY**

**Monday, August 21**

Mary & Chico Taylor

**Tuesday, August 22**

Laine & Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, August 23**

Hilda & Bob Boteler

**Thursday, August 24**

Margie Van Meter

Bill Thompson

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

August 24

Bryan Bridges

August 31

Jimmy Allen

September 7

Mike Peters

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**August 27**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Camille & Drew Snyder

**Firecrackers**

Natalie & Cy Parks

**Sparklers**

Kim & Kyle Watson

**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**

Steve Chester is hospitalized at Baptist.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Gorman Schaffer

Sue Edwards

Virginia Hamilton

Roxanne Aldridge

R.W. McCarley

Libby McGee

Carolyn Aden

Vivian Thompson

Michael Grantham

Robbie Cross

Tom Starling

Eliza Skene

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today is the Twelfth 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 baptism and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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The Deacon of the Week is Holly Wiggs.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Steve Godbold.

The Caregivers of the Week are Annette Hitt and Bob Boteler.

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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**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 27:** Lesley Ratcliff

**September 3:** Major Treadway

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 10
immediately following the worship service

Agenda:

Election of Deacons

Deacon Nominees

Elizabeth Boone Matt Kelly Dabbs Massey
Joe D. Rankin Bill Thompson Will Walker