

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 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

Monday, August 28

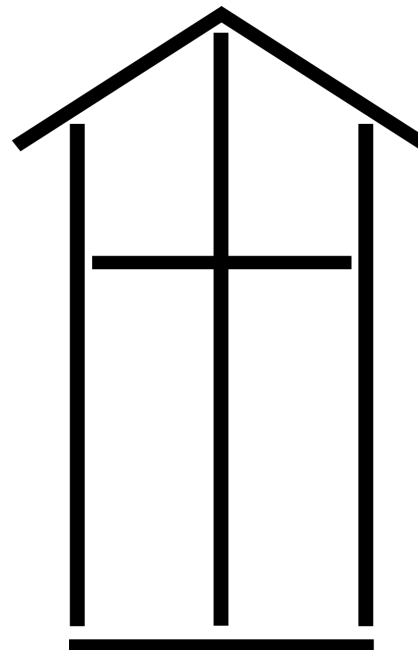
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 3

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m. Labor Day Potluck/Welcome



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We blow off steam trying to control life rather than letting God's energy pass through us to enrich our lives and our world. We are so full of our own need to accomplish and to act that we have no room to receive the power God waits to bestow. If we approached life with open hands, in poverty of spirit, we could receive the resources we need for effective living. . . . Jesus did not make things happen. He allowed things to happen through him, through his openness and receptivity.

—Thomas R. Hawkins, *A Life That Becomes the Gospel*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 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

And then there is time in which to be, simply to be, that time in which God quietly tells us who we are and who [God] wants us to be. It is then that God can take our emptiness and fill it up with what [God] wants and drain away the business with which we inevitably get involved in the dailiness of human living.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*

The Prelude "O Be Joyful" Bedard

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. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *NICAEA*

*The Litany of Praise Bob Crisler

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Gracious God, from the depths of our inward focus you call us out -- to notice the need, to include the lonely, to share God's love and all of its promise.

People: We are here. Who has need of us?

Leader: Creative God, from our meetings, our carpools, our responsibilities, our work, and our play, we are called out -- to use our talents, our gifts, our skills and abilities.

People: We are here. What can we do?

Leader: Omnipresent God, you call us by name as individuals and as a community of faith.

People: We are here. Where will you send us?

Leader: Everlasting God, others came before us, and others will come after us. Our time is now. How will we respond?

ALL: We listen. We believe. We are here.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Bob Crisler

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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**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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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!

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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.**

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Sunday School

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

### Back to Youth

Tonight at 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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PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION Tonight 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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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:

September 3: Major Treadway

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### **BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

#### August 31

Jimmy Allen

#### September 7

Mike Peters

#### September 14

Scott Wilson

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 3

Firecrackers

Laura & Patrick Taylor

Sparklers

Sandra & Rob Triplett

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

To forgive another person from the heart is an act of liberation. We set that person free from the negative bonds that exist between us. We say, "I no longer hold your offense against you." But there is more. We also free ourselves from the burden of being the "offended one." As long as we do not forgive those who have wounded us, we carry them with us or, worse, pull them as a heavy load. The great temptation is to cling in anger to our enemies and then define ourselves as being offended and wounded by them. Forgiveness, therefore, liberates not only the other but also ourselves. It is the way to the freedom of the children of God.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

*The Offertory Prayer

Bob Crisler

The Offertory

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Wood

*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 16:13-20

Major Treadway

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Build Thee More Stately Mansions"

Young

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul.
As the swift seasons roll!

Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heav'n with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's unresting sea!

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, O my soul!

The Sermon

"Who Do You Say I Am?"

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

The visible church is all the people who get together from time to time in God’s name. Anybody can find out who they are by going to church to look.

The invisible church is all the people God uses for hands and feet in this world. Nobody can find out who they are except God.

Think of them as two circles. The optimist says they are concentric. The cynic says they don’t even touch. The realist says they occasionally overlap.

– Frederick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 574 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” *CANONBURY*

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude Wood
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 27 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Exodus 1:8-2:10 ~ page 43
- Psalm 124 ~ page 498
- Isaiah 51:1-6 ~ page 594
- Psalm 138 ~ page 503
- Romans 12:1-8 ~ page 922
- Matthew 16:13-20 ~ page 798

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**Welcome Events for the Dickison Family**

Meal Train

The Dickisons moved 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! The password is welcome.**

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 them and your dishes.

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.**

**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 Thirteenth 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 Deacon of the Week is Dudley Wooley.
 The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
 The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Steve Godbold.
 The Caregiving Chair for September is Sunny Fowler.
 The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Susan O’Mara.
 The Caregivers of the Week are Susan O’Mara and Jo Ann Welch.
 The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.
 The Liturgist for September is Gray Jackson.
 The Flowers for August are provided by Kandy Sims, Jill Buckley and Lisa Kelly.
 The Flowers for September are provided by Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.
 The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.
 The Usher Captains for September are Nancy Smith, Matt Kelly and Dawn Warrington.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, September 10  
immediately following the worship service**

**Agenda:**

Election of Deacons

**Deacon Nominees**

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

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Roger Friou by his family.