

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 6

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

Monday, August 7

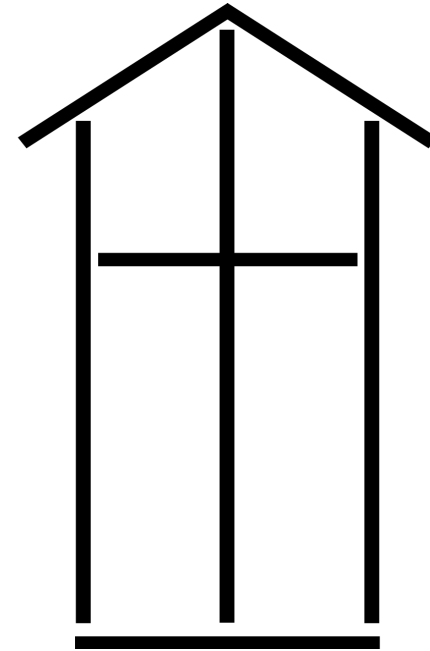
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, August 9

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

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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

At Communion

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer
I am not caught in time nor held in space,
But, thrust beyond this posture, I am where
Time and eternity are face to face;
Infinity and space meet in this place
Where crossbar and upright hold the One
In agony and in all Love's embrace.
The power in helplessness which was begun
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun
Contained itself in the small confines of a child
Now comes to me in this strange action done
In mystery. Break time, break space, O wild
and lovely power. Break me: thus am I dead,
Am resurrected now in wine and bread.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 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

“Know yourself” is good advice. But to know ourselves doesn’t mean to analyze ourselves....Solitude, silence, and prayer are often the best ways to self-knowledge. Not because they offer solutions for the complexity of our lives but because they bring us in touch with our sacred center, where God dwells. That sacred center may not be analyzed. It is the place of adoration, thanksgiving, and praise.

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

The Prelude “’Tis the Gift to Be Simple” Powell

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

*The Litany of Praise Joe D. Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God of Creation, our world is changing.

People: We seek hope.

Leader: New questions leave us unsatisfied with old answers.

People: We seek wisdom.

Leader: Different opinions make moving forward difficult.

People: We seek harmony.

Leader: We know the creation of the Kingdom of God . . .

People: is progressing.

Leader: The Good News of God’s redemptive love . . .

People: is expanding.

Leader: The Light transforming this world . . .

People: is spreading.

**ALL: Even in the face of constant change,
God’s steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Joe D. Rankin

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Genesis 32:22-31
Romans 9:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Welcome Events for our New Senior Pastor 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.

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

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. We'll gather at Lake Lorman where we'll eat dinner, tube and swim. A 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 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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## **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).

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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.

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## **BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**August 10**

Mitch Peters

**August 17**

Cathy Davis

**August 24**

Bryan Bridges

**August 31**

Jimmy Allen

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 13

Firecrackers

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

Sparklers

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

—Isaiah 43:1b

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 "I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

*The Offertory Prayer

Joe D. Rankin

The Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Powell

*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!
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
Marlow and Mary Alden Ratcliff, *trebles*

Ferguson

The Sermon

"Seeing God Face to Face"

Lesley Ratcliff

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Major Treadway

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

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 delight in the beauty of the butterfly but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

– Maya Angelou

*The Recessional Hymn No. 224 “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” HENDON

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 6 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Genesis 32:22-31 ~ page 26
- Psalm 17:1-7, 15 ~ page 431
- Isaiah 55:1-5 ~ page 598
- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 ~ pages 506-507
- Romans 9:1-5 ~ page 920
- Matthew 14:13-21 ~ page 796

Musician for today

Milena Rusanova, *violin*

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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 13:** Jason Coker, President, Together for Hope
- August 20:** Lesley Ratcliff
- August 27:** Lesley Ratcliff
- September 3:** Major Treadway

**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**

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 Tenth 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 Mary Ellen Stancill.
- The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Steve Godbold.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Marty Harper and Sheila Nicholas.
- 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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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

**~ immediately following the worship service ~**

**Agenda:**

Approve the 2023-2024 Education Leadership

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Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as is the Savior we follow.