



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

When I walked  
through the doors  
I sensed God's presence  
And I knew  
This was a place where  
love abounds,

For this is a temple.  
The God we love  
abides here.  
Oh, we are standing  
In God's presence.

On holy ground.  
We are standing  
On Holy ground,  
And I know there are angels  
All around.

Let us praise God now,  
For we are standing  
In God's sweet presence  
On holy ground.

In God's presence  
I know there is joy  
beyond all measure.  
And at God's feet  
Sweet peace of mind  
can still be found.

For when we have a need,  
God is still the answer.  
Oh, reach out and claim it,  
For we are standing  
On holy ground.

—Geron Davis



## Wednesday Night Supper Resumes September 13

5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

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

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

Servers: Carol Ann Vest, Anna Katherine Scott,  
M'lee Williams and Kathy Burkhalter

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## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 15

6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703, by Wednesday, September 13.**

Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

**We will also have Parents' Night Out on**  
October 20, November 10, and December 1.

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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.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

When nothing is right,  
When we are weary and lost,  
When clouds dull the sky,  
Help us to be still.  
For in being still,  
In refusing to panic or despair,  
We shall come to know that God is there,  
Suffering alongside with us,  
Waiting to show us stepping-stones through the swirling waters,  
And to help us sing a new song.

—Shirley Foster

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

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

*DOVE OF PEACE*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Wilson Stribling

The Offertory "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Trotter

\*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 16:21-28

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

In Remembrance

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In remembrance of me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door  
And let your brother in.

Take, eat and be comforted.  
Drink, and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood,  
Shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of me always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above,  
But in your heart,  
Look in your heart for God.

The Sermon "The Way We Hold Our History" Major Treadway

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table Lesley Ratcliff

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**

Lead me on,  
Lead me on  
To a place where the river runs  
Into your keeping. Oh  
Lead me on,  
Lead me on.  
The awaited deliverance  
Comforts the seeking...lead on  
—(Amy Grant from her album Lead Me On,  
song lyrics by) Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 "The Gift of Love" *GIFT OF LOVE*

\*The Benediction Major Treadway

\*The Postlude "All Creation Praises God for the New Day" Bedford

\*The congregation will please stand.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Youth Sunday School**

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

**Life after High School**

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., starting Wednesday, September 13.

All high school seniors are welcome to join Major for a series of discussions about practical life skills necessary for thriving after high school graduation.

**Girls' Small Group**

Every other Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m., starting Wednesday, September 13.

Join Sarah Reynolds in a study of *3 Big Questions That Shape Your Future* by K. Acevedo and B. Griffin.

**Stewpot**

Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m.

We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen, prepare a meal and serve it at Stewpot; then, we will eat lunch together.

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**Preschool Atrium,  
Elementary Atrium  
and Four5Six  
will resume on  
September 10 at 5:00 p.m.**

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**September 7**

Mike Peters

**September 14**

Scott Wilson

**September 21**

Carrie Blount

**September 28**

Jeff Wilson

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**September 10**

**Firecrackers**

Blair & Ryder Taff

**Sparklers**

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, September 4**

**Cooks**

Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady  
Patsy Caraway

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Steve Bass  
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

**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**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Bill Lee on the death of his mother, Tommie Lee.

Steve Chester is hospitalized at Methodist Rehabilitation Center.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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| 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 Fourteenth 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 Jeff Wilson.  
The Caregiving Chair for September is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Susan O’Mara.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Steve and Zina Bass.  
The Liturgist for September is Gray Jackson.  
The Flowers for September are provided by Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.  
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**

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

**The Lectionary passages for September 3 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Exodus 3:1-15 ~ page 44  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b ~ pages 484-485  
Romans 12:9-21 ~ pages 922-923  
Matthew 16:21-28 ~ page 798

Musician for today  
Amulet Strange, *flute*

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**Welcome Events for the Dickison Family**

Today  
**A Welcome Potluck**

We will welcome the Dickisons to Northminster at our annual Labor Day potluck in the Great Hall, immediately following worship.

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 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.**

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The church office will be closed Monday, September 4.  
(For pastoral care needs, call 601-980-1002.)  
Caregivers will meet Tuesday, September 5.

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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.