

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.

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Office Manager
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Scott Dickison
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, November 26

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Suite
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Monday, November 27

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, GH

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club, Epic Donuts

Wednesday, November 29

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

Friday, December 1

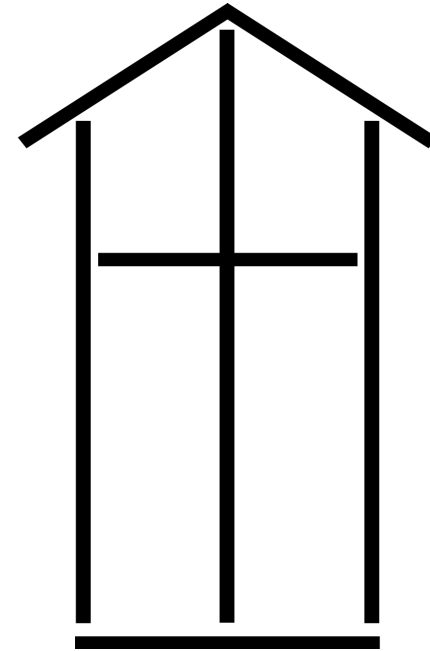
6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Boarding Homes, GH
9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot, GH

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Suite
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
1:00 p.m. Boarding Homes, GH
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, YH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium and Four5Six



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Jesus teaches that human need must always be helped; that there is no greater task than to relieve someone's pain and distress; and that the Christian's compassion must be like God's—unceasing. Other work may be laid aside, but the work of compassion never.

—William Barclay

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 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

Every human interaction offers you the chance to make things better or to make things worse.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

The Prelude “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Pethel

The Call to Worship “I Was Glad” Coker

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

*The Processional Hymn No. 317 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
OLD HUNDREDTH

*The Litany of Praise Valerie Linn

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

All: For the Lord is our God and we are God's people!

—Psalm 95, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Valerie Linn

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

—Augustine

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway

THE LIVING NATIVITY

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all 1st through 6th graders, are invited to be a part of the Living Nativity, which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

Practice began this morning. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

December 3 from 9-9:30 a.m.

December 10 from 9-9:30 a.m.

December 17 from 9-9:30 a.m.

December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

All rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, except for December 24, when we will meet in the Great Hall. Because rehearsal times are short, please be on time and present for as many rehearsals as possible.

We look forward to our children leading us in worship throughout the season of Advent!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, November 27

Cooks

Kelly Hicks
Gail England
Ann Calhoon

Drivers

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

Monday, December 4

Cooks

Patsy Caraway
Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady

Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Amy Finkelberg & Nancy Smith

An Advent Gathering for Women

Join us for a time of reflection and creativity
as we begin the season of Advent

Wednesday, December 13

5:00-7:00 p.m.

in the Great Hall

A light supper will be provided for \$10.
RSVP to Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

SPANN KINDERGARTENERS SING CAROLS

You are invited to join the Adopt-A-School Committee in listening to the Spann School Kindergarteners sing Christmas Carols
Friday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 1

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, November 29.

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

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## BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and gift. On Sunday, December 3, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing them to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on December 3 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to Boarding Homes

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Coffee for Salt and Light

Premium Honduran coffee is currently for sale at \$12 per bag. Proceeds will help fund expenses of Salt y Luz Ministry in Honduras.

To purchase, please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590. Jann will deliver to your home.

Please make **checks payable to Salt and Light Ministries (no cash please).**

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## 2024 Northminster Deacon Officers

At their October Meeting, the Deacons elected the following officers for 2024

Chair: Cathy Davis  
Vice Chair: Holly Wiggs  
Secretary: Mary Ellen Stancill

Also, the Deacons elected Marty Kelly as Church Clerk, and George Smith as Church Treasurer.

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 557 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SCOTT

\*The Offertory Prayer

Valerie Linn

The Offertory

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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\*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 25:31-46

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Coker

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the dawn 'til your glories shine on me;  
joyless is the day's return till your mercy's beams I see:  
as they inward light impart cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief:  
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

The Sermon

"Where Christ Is"

Scott Dickison

## 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

In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.

—Pope Francis

The Sounding of the Call

Mike Peters

\*The Recessional Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"  
(see insert)

BEACH SPRING

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for November 26 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ page 702  
Psalm 100 ~ page 481  
Psalm 95:1-7a ~ page 479  
Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ page 949  
Matthew 25:31-46 ~ page 807

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Youth Sunday School**

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

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight at 5:00 p.m.** Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

### **Breakfast Club**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.** Breakfast for students before school. We'll gather at 7:00 a.m. and finish in time for folks to get to school. Please let Major know in advance if you would like to come and need a ride to school.

Tuesday, November 28: Epic Donuts in Gluckstadt

Tuesday, December 5: Primos on Lakeland

### **Stewpot**

**Saturday, December 2, 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.

### **Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m.** White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Youth House! Throw on your ugliest Christmas sweater and come to the Youth House. Bring a wrapped gift that costs less than \$10.

### **Spring Break Beach Retreat**

**March 11-14.** Somewhere at or near Orange Beach. More details to come.

### **Passport**

**July 13-19.** Put these dates on your calendar now. More information to come.

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

November 30

Mitch Peters

December 7

Bo Allen

December 14

Bryan Bridges

December 21

Andy Frame

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## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

### **December 3**

### **Firecrackers**

Sandra & Rob Triplett

### **Sparklers**

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

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The Northminster Choir

Presents

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

The Morning Hour of Worship

Sunday, December 10

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Margaret Phillips by her family.

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 Diane McGowan on the death of her husband John.

Jack Root is recovering at home.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Libby McGee
Carolyn Aden	Vivian Thompson	Robbie Cross
Tom Starling	Roger Paynter	Mary Lou Jernigan

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 Christ the King Sunday. Known also as The Reign of Christ Sunday, this Lord's Day points to God's ultimate victory and reign through Jesus Christ. Coming at the close of the Christian year, it also leads immediately into the beginning of the new Christian year as Advent begins next Sunday. The liturgical color is white, used on occasions which magnify the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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The Deacon of the Week is Smith Boykin.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Jean Welsh.

The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt, Janice Joyner, Sarah Reynolds and Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.

The Liturgists for November are Gwen Anderson, Monica Daniels, Jeanne Cook and Diann Arinder.

The Liturgist for December is Amanda Milam.

The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle, Kandy Sims and Lisa Kelly.

The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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Northminster Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Tuesday, December 12 is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Tune: BEACH SPRING

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Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the
Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less, still the
As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your
Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in

6

weight of hu - man need, who up - on the cross for -
hun - gry cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for
love's re - veal - ing light in its height and depth and
your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the

9

sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed: we, your
free - dom, still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,
great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing
a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and

12

ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone but
Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the
known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us
health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid and peace we

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heart, con - se - cra - ting to your pur - pose ev - ery
soul, by your Spi - rit send your pow - er to our
bear, stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a -
give, that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your

gift which you im - part.
world to make it whole.
bun - dant life to share.
mer - cy know and live.