

**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  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Organist Emeritus  
Office Manager  
Financial Secretary  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sexton

Scott Dickison  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 28**

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
3:30 p.m.	Guys' Scavenger Hunt, Playground
4:00 p.m.	Worship and Music Cmte., L/CR
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH

**Monday, January 29**

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Personnel Cmte., L/CR

**Tuesday, January 30**

12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn, GH
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**Wednesday, January 31**

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 2**

6:15 p.m.	Pulpit Swap/Scott Dickison at Beth Israel
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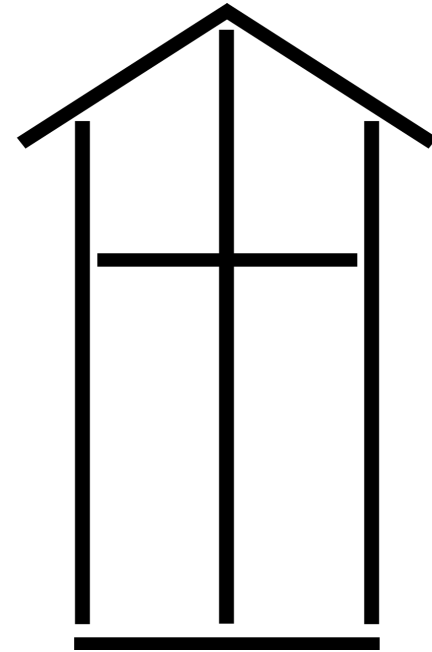
**Saturday, February 3**

9:30 a.m.	Youth Stewpot
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**Sunday, February 4**

9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Rabbi Rosen Q&A, GH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Rabbi Rosen/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries, Cmte., NCC
3:30 p.m.	Girls' Scavenger Hunt, Playground
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

How little we know, how much we need  
The judgment of God to make us into vessels fit for the fire.  
Turn, turn, turn, the wheel of promise spins;  
It is a wheel of necessity and good fortune,  
Preparing vessels from which new wine shall flow.

—Doris I. Judy

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# YOUTH SUNDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION

SAVE  
-THE-  
DATE



FEBRUARY 11TH

If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, contact Jennifer Stribling at 601-209-2223 or [JenniferStribling@me.com](mailto:JenniferStribling@me.com)

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## NORTHMINSTER ESSENTIALS

Through Sunday, March 3  
9:15-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church, or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Northminster Women's Retreat 2024

Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18  
Eagle Ridge Conference Center  
Raymond, MS

## INSIDE OUT

Anger. Fear. Sadness. Joy. Disgust.

They are not just characters in one of the best movies of all time.

They are real emotions that when processed well help us live more fully in God's way. We will explore stories of scripture and spiritual practices of our own faith and others that help us process these emotions well. We'll also enjoy a movie night and a time of creative response, share our stories and deepen our friendships with one another.

Please RSVP by February 2.

Cost: \$225 per person; \$300 for a single room  
Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

Questions? Contact Lesley Ratcliff at  
[lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-927-0259.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease.  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of peace.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

\*The Offertory Prayer

Brooks Elfert

The Offertory

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

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!  
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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"  
Pam Steadman, *soprano*

Cherwien

If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,  
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,  
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully;  
And trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free.  
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.  
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The Sermon

"A Healing Word"

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

Oh, feed me this day, Holy Spirit, with  
the fragrance of the fields and the  
freshness of the oceans which you have  
made, and help me to hear and to hold  
in all dearness those exacting and wonderful  
words of our Lord Christ Jesus, saying:  
*Follow me.*

—Mary Oliver, *Devotions*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 578 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” *BEACH SPRING*

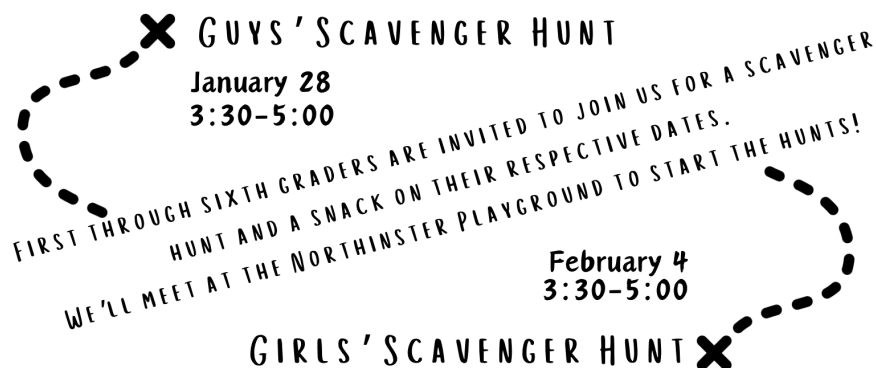
\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “God Himself Is Present” Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages January 28 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ~ page 153  
Psalm 111 ~ page 490  
I Corinthians 8:1-13 ~ pages 930-931  
Mark 1:21-28 ~ pages 812-813



**Contact Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up!**

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## Studying the Bible as Spiritual Practice

**Today and February 4  
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall**

There are many good and understandable reasons why even the most committed person of faith would reach for sources beyond the Bible for spiritual growth and practice. Devotional books, podcasts, and other resources abound. Dig a little deeper and it's probably true—as with so many things—that the more we learn about scripture, the more we know we don't know! Over these two weeks Scott will lead a discussion about what scripture is and isn't, and how we can approach it anew as a foundational spiritual resource.

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## Northminster & Beth Israel Pulpit Swap

**February 2nd and 4th**

In celebration of the ongoing friendship between Northminster and Beth Israel Congregation, Beth Israel will welcome Rev. Scott Dickison to the pulpit on Friday, February 2nd at 6:15 p.m., and Northminster will welcome Rabbi Joseph Rosen to the pulpit on Sunday, February 4th at 10:30 a.m. Members of both congregations are encouraged to attend both services!

During the Sunday School hour on February 4, Northminster will host a light breakfast and a Q&A with Rabbi Rosen in the Great Hall.

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## Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs drivers, substitute drivers and a cook.

The cook is needed for a Monday or Wednesday.

Peggy can adjust the schedule to accommodate either day.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please notify the following:

Drivers contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436

Cooks contact Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Youth Sunday School**

**Join us at 9:15 a.m.** There will be donuts and good conversation.

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House**

**Tonight at 5:00 p.m.** Join us for dinner and fellowship.

### **Stewpot**

**Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m.** Meet in the Great Hall kitchen, where we will prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot. We will go out to eat lunch when we finish.

### **Youth Sunday & Dessert Auction**

**February 11.** Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips and activities. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction email JenniferStribling@me.com.

### **Spring Break Beach Trip to Orange Beach**

**March 11-14.** More details to come.

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

#### **February 1**

Joe Sims

#### **February 8**

Mike Peters

#### **February 15**

Mary Ellen Stancill

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

#### **February 4**

##### **Firecrackers**

Trey & Amanda Clark

##### **Sparklers**

Blair & Ryder Taff

#### **February 11**

##### **Chapel Coordinators**

Jane Claire & Nason Williams

##### **Firecrackers**

Chris & Paul Eason

##### **Sparklers**

Christine & Bryan Bridges

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## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

#### **Monday, February 5**

##### **Cooks**

Polly Bourne  
Jim Blackwood  
Becky Wooley

##### **Drivers**

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

## **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**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jennifer and Drew Rymer on the birth of their son, George Stephen Rymer. George is also welcomed by George Smith, Stephen Smith and Sarah and Nick Newcomb.

Betty Brown Edgar is hospitalized at Baptist.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Milton Greenwood

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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.** Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

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The Deacon of the Week is Trey Clark.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for January are Faye Barham and Susie Friou.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Gail England.

The Caregiver of the Week is Gail England.

The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.

The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and Kandy Sims.

The Flowers for February are provided by Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams,

Jane Claire Williams and Jill Buckley.

The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

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## **Lunch & Learn with Marshall Ramsey**

Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m.

Marshall will be sharing his story and his cartoons while we enjoy a meal together.

Lunch will be \$10 and can be paid at the door.

The cost will be \$10 per person. While the deadline to sign up has passed, if you would still like to attend, please email Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org

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The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of George Stephen Rymer.  
The proud parents are Jennifer and Drew Rymer.