

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

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

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 12**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, May 13**

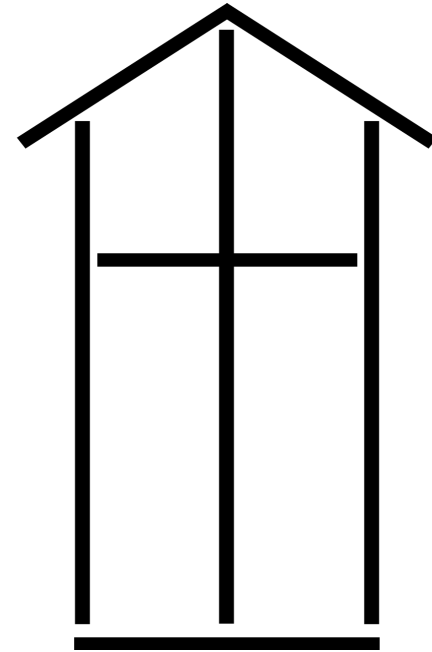
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

**Wednesday, May 15**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 19**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Practice, Sanctuary  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Mentor Sunday  
11:30 a.m. End of Mentor Program Celebration, GH  
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit” says the Lord God Almighty.

—Zechariah 4:6

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**

**Ascension Sunday**

May 12, 2024

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. Following the service, please enjoy a time of fellowship with those around you.

The Prelude "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Travis

The Meditation of Preparation  
The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.  
—Heinrich Emil Brunner

Call to Worship "Sing Ye to the Lord" Titcomb  
Sing ye sing ye sing ye to the Lord  
who ascended, who ascended to the  
heav'n of heav'n to the sun rising.  
Alleluia Alleluia.

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Baron Vance

\*The Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN FEST BURG*  
No. 43

\*The Litany of Praise Amy Finkelberg

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: For the Lord the Most High is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**People: The Lord chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob, God's beloved.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

—Psalm 47, *adapted*

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Invocation Amy Finkelberg

**Sunday School classes will not meet May 26.**

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**Summer Sunday School for Children**

Begins June 2 from 9:15 to 10:15

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, bible skills and crafts!

We hope your children will join us!

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**Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, June 11**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Children who have a birthday in June are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Scott.

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**Splash Day**

**Wednesday, June 12**

**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Children and their families will gather in the backyard at Northminster for water slides, splash pools and sprinkler fun!

Bring your swimsuit, towels and sunscreen, and we'll provide a snack supper.

Questions? Contact Jan at [jan@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:jan@northminsterbaptist.org).

**Meals on Wheels**

**Wednesday, May 15**

**Cooks**

Carolyn McIntyre  
JoAnn Welch  
Shari Culver

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence  
Rt. 2 Tricia & Lee Boyd

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**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

**May 19**

**Firecrackers**

Whitney & Slaters Veazey

**Sparklers**

Caroline & Kirk Sims

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**Brumfield House**

**May 16**

Bill Thompson

**May 23**

Scott Wilson

**May 30**

TBA

**June 6**

Mike Peters

**June 13**

Jeff Wilson

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**NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP**

**INSIDE OUT**

**July 19th-21st**  
 FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM  
 SATURDAY 9 AM - 12 PM  
 SUNDAY 9AM - 11:30 AM

**QUESTIONS?**  
 Contact Sandra Triplett  
 sandratriplett23@gmail.com  
 601-278-3877

**Register Here!**

To guarantee a t-shirt, please register by June 15.

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Psalm 93  
Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Spirit of God, desires and acts, not from compulsion, but responsively.

—Martin Luther

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

**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. 743

“Christ for the World! We Sing”

*ITALIAN HYMN*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Amy Finkelberg

The Offertory

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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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

Luke 24:44-53

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
**Brass Quintet, percussion**

Forrest

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation, by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: on Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with ever grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Sermon

“Is Now the Time?”

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**

The church exists for those outside it.  
—William Temple

\*The Recessional Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *DIADEMATA*  
No. 92

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” Weber

\**The congregation will please stand.*

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Youth Sunday School**

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

**Summer Events**

All summer events will include the rising 7th graders! We will have some in town summer events. Dates will be posted soon so check back for those.

**Stewpot**

**Saturday, June 1, 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 lunch when we finish.

**Smith Lake Youth Trip**

The youth will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13.

**Passport**

The youth will travel to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC July 13-19.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE  
AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

- Kelsey Mayhan Bachelors of Accountancy, University of Mississippi
- Walker Rippee Masters of Accountancy, University of Mississippi
- Davis Rippee M.D., University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Rachel Royston M.D., University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Noel Wiggs B.Accy. in Accountancy with a minor in Finance,  
University of Mississippi Patterson School of Accountancy

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) with degree and school information.

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**Pastoral Care Number**

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need, please call 601-980-1002.

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**Wider Net Book Club**


*Having Nothing, Possessing Everything*, by Mike Mather. Book club meeting TBD. Books are available in the church office for \$20. You may write a check or follow the QR code to pay on the church’s online payment portal (select Wider Net: Book Club Book tab).



**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**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Michael Grantham, a member of Northminster since 2022. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Michael’s family and friends.

Billy Trotter is hospitalized at Woodland Rehab in Clinton.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

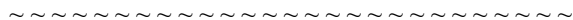
The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Ascension Sunday, or the Seventh Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons—Lent and Easter—but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Deacon of the Week is Cheryl Allen.  
The Caregiving Chair for May is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Sara and Larry Cox.  
The Liturgist for May is Amanda Milam.  
The Flowers for May are provided by Kathryn Sams, Kandy Sims, Lawana McLennan and Lisa Kelly.  
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

**The Lectionary passages for Ascension Sunday are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 1:1-11 ~ page 884  
Psalm 47 ~ page 450  
Psalm 93 ~ page 478  
Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ page 949  
Luke 24:44-53 ~ page 861

**Musicians for Today**

Wayne Linehan, *trumpet*  
Ben Bullock, *trumpet*  
Mimi Linehan, *horn*  
James Wilson, *trombone*  
Ken Lyon, *trombone*  
Wade Rackley, *tuba*  
Jason Mathena, *percussion*