

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Without Pentecost the Christ-event – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.”

—Henri Nouwen

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 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 "Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God" Buxtehude

The Meditation of Preparation

"God is the friend of silence. See how nature, trees, flowers, grass grows in silence. See the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls."

—Mother Teresa

Call to Worship "The Spirit Dwells Among Us" Hopson

The Spirit dwells among us. Alleluia.
Come and worship the Lord. Alleluia.

*The Procession of the Pentecost Banner Dixon Clark

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *ELLACOMBE*

*The Litany of Praise Benjamin Buckley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: With the sound of the wind,

People: May we hear the voice of God.

Leader: With the flicker of flames,

People: May we see the Light of the World.

Leader: With the proclamation of the Word,

People: May we be reminded of God's love for all people.

Leader: With the gift of the Spirit,

ALL: May we live with joy and share the message of God's love with the world. Amen.

*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 Marlow Ratcliff

The Greeting Dudley Stancill

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	Scott Dickison
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Interim Youth Coordinator	Dabbs Massey
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

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

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

4:30 p.m.	Cancer Support, L/CR
5:15 p.m.	Youth Cmte., YH

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 26

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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**From the Northminster
Deacon Nominating Committee**

The Deacon Nominating Committee is seeking names of those you believe would serve and lead us well as deacons. Please submit your nominations along with a brief statement explaining why each nominee should be considered to the church office or to any committee member.

Your input is important. Thank you.

Amanda Clark
Marty Kelly
Eddie Mahaffey
Joe Sims
Jane Claire Williams
Jeff Wilson, Chair



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**Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteer**

Meals on Wheels is in need of one cook to work on a team that cooks on average three to four Wednesday's a year. There is one Wednesday remaining in 2024 for this team.

If you are interested, or have any questions,  
please call Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242.

The Lessons

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21

Sterling Massey  
Marlow Ratcliff

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE MENTOR PROGRAM**

**The Litany of Blessing**

Scott Dickison

Pastor: The young people before us today are at a turning point in their lives. They are leaving the path of childhood and entering the path of young adulthood.

*Sixth Graders: We are ready for the journey.*

*Mentors: As representatives of your family of faith, we are faithful witnesses of your journey, and we seek to encourage and support you.*

**Congregation and Mentors:**

**Your family of faith will be with you every step of the way. May our presence remind you of God's love for you and God's call upon your lives.**

*Sixth Graders: We will remember and be true to God's love and calling.*

**Congregation and Mentors:**

**May God continue to bless your journey as you seek God's path. May God grant us all the grace, vision, and strength to walk in the light of Christ's love.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

You call us to love as you love, care as you care, seek justice, mercy and truth in a world that has yet to feel the warmth of your embrace. But we fail to heed your call, draw back from those in need, say nothing when we see injustice. Become invisible. Forgive us, you whose love is better than life, you whose Grace extends to all. Forgive us, and enable us to be the people we could be, that your name might be on the lips of all people. Amen.

—John Birch, Faith & Worship

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. 295 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *TRENTHAM*  
\*The Offertory Prayer Kate Samuels  
The Offertory "Come Down, O Love Divine" 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!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 Madeleine Wylie  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" Scott  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak.  
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.  
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good.  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

The Sermon "The Spirit We Have" 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.

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

**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!

**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.

**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).

**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](mailto:sandratriplett23@gmail.com)  
601.278.3817  
Register Here!

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

## Meals on Wheels

### Monday, May 27

#### Cooks

Amy Moremen  
Lawana McLennan  
Faye Barham

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame/  
Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

## Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

### May 26

#### **Chapel Coordinators**

Ramsey & Brian Long

#### **Firecrackers**

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

#### **Sparklers**

Leah & Tal Hendrix

## Brumfield House

### May 23

Scott Wilson

### May 30

TBA

### June 6

Mike Peters

### June 13

Jeff Wilson

## Your Children's Bible Revisited: A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at Noon, Beginning June 18

Many of us first come to know and love the Bible through stories we learn as children. And yet many of these stories have a depth of meaning far beyond what could (or should!) be included in a children's Bible. This summer we'll gather on Tuesdays in the Great Hall over a light lunch to take a closer look at some of these beloved stories and see what good news they might have for us as adults.

## Stewpot Food Pantry

### Monday, May 27

Bob Boteler

### Tuesday, May 28

Laine & Bob Hardin

### Wednesday, May 29

TBA

### Thursday, May 30

Sunny Fowler  
Jan McDonnical-Wilson

## TIME OF RESPONSE

"You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives.  
You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts,  
to be the fragrance, warmth, and light of your love,  
in this dark world."

—John Birch, Faith & Worship

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 298 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" *ST. AGNES*

\*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

\*The Postlude "Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit" *Grams*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for May 19 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 2:1-21 ~ page 885

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ pages 704-705

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b ~ pages 483-484

Romans 8:22-27 ~ page 919

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 ~ pages 878-879

## Mentor Sunday

For six Sunday mornings, the sixth graders and their Adult Mentors have explored some of the basic tenets of our faith, including topics such as worship, baptism, communion, youth discipleship, prayer, and other-mindedness. These conversations have been guided by Holly Wiggs and the Pastoral Staff.

The Adult Mentors listed below have served as witnesses and have represented this community of faith as these sixth graders have prepared for their graduation from the children's department to the youth house. This Sunday the sixth graders have prepared our liturgy and led us in worship. This is a Sunday to celebrate and bless our sixth graders.

### Sixth Graders

Benjamin Buckley  
Dixon Clark  
Nick Mahaffey  
Sterling Massey  
Evie Moremen  
Marlow Ratcliff  
Kate Samuels  
Dudley Stancill  
May Taylor  
Madeleine Wylie

### Mentors


Paul Smith  
Mart McMullan  
Nason Williams  
Wilson Stribling  
Mary Heard  
Marty Kelly  
Mary Kathryn Allen  
Jeff Wilson  
Margie Van Meter  
Cathy Davis

Cover Meditation offered by Nick Mahaffey  
Meditation of Preparation offered by Evie Moremen  
Litany of Praise written by Sixth Graders  
Meditation of Confession offered by May Taylor  
Time of Response offered by Madeleine Wylie

**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 Linda Sims, a member of Northminster since 2005. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Linda’s family and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Dick Barnes, a longtime former member of Northminster.

Billy Trotter is hospitalized at Woodland Rehab in Clinton.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

|                  |                   |                   |
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| 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 Pentecost Sunday.** Pentecost first appears as the “Festival of Weeks” in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest, and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost; the white swirl of wind and wonder riding the wings of a dove descending into the flames of Pentecost fire, coming to rest on a dozen triangles; twelve disciples; the whole family of God, lit up by the fire of the Spirit and caught up in the wind of the Spirit.

The Pentecost Banner, commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us in and show us the way.



The Deacon of the Week is Justin Beard.  
The Caregiving Chair for May is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Cheryl Allen.  
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.

**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.

**Save the date**

**Pool Party-Thursday, June 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at the home of Tal & Leah Hendrix.

**Passport**

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

**Cook-Out & Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, August 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at the home of Scott & Audrey Dickison.



**Congratulations to our College  
and University Graduates**

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 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     | Bachelors of Accountancy, University of Mississippi |
| Ellie Caraway  | B.A., Communications, Elon University               |

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.



**Pastoral Care Number**

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



**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).

