

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

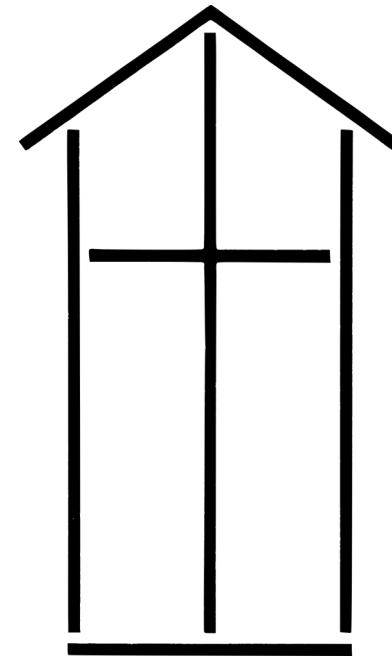
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Joe D. Rankin.
The Caregiving Chair for July is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Jean Welsh.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.
The Liturgist for today is Marty Kelly.
The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.
The flowers for July are provided by Geri Smith, Kathryn Davis,
Jane Claire Williams and Lawana McLennan.
The flowers for August are provided by Lisa Kelly,
Lesley Mosby, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.
The Usher Captain for July is Nancy Smith.
The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“The gods we worship write their names on our faces, be sure of that. And we will worship something — have no doubt of that either. We may think that our tribute is paid in secret in the dark recesses of the heart — but it will out. That which dominates our imagination and our thoughts will determine our life and character. Therefore it behooves us to be careful what we are worshipping, for what we are worshipping we are becoming.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
July 28, 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 Meditation of Preparation

“...be not forgetful of prayer. Each time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling in it, and a new meaning, which will give you fresh courage; and you will understand that prayer is an education.”

—Fyodor Dostoyevsky,
The Brothers Karamazov

The Prelude	“Arise, My Soul, Arise!”	Burkhardt
The Spoken Call to Worship		Lesley Ratcliff
*The Processional Hymn No. 701		<i>BEECHER</i>
	“God Is Here!”	
*The Litany of Praise		Sarah Reynolds

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We will extol you, our God and King,

People: And bless your name forever and ever.

Leader: Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

—Psalm 145, adapted

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day

11:00 a.m. Children's Playdate

12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 4

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC

5:00 p.m. Youth Cookout & Ice Cream Social

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Summer Sunday School for Children

Sundays 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 Service Day

Tuesday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children who have completed first through sixth grade are invited to join us for a morning of service and then join the playdate at 11:00.

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Children younger than first grade are invited to join the playdate at the church.

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, July 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children who have birthdays in June and July are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 4

Firecrackers—Anne McCaslin & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Jennifer & Christian Byrd

Promotion Sunday

August 11

School is getting in gear and so are we! On August 11, children will be promoted to their next grade level in Sunday School. Children will receive a postcard with the name of their Sunday School class before Promotion Sunday, when they will be greeted at the desk in the Children's Department and walked to their new classrooms. We hope to see you there!

*The Gloria Patri

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

Sarah Reynolds

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

II Samuel 11:1-15
Ephesians 3:14-21

Marty Harper

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“If I am right, thy grace impart
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, O teach my heart
To find a better way!”

—Alexander Pope,
“The Universal Prayer”

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Marty Harper

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. 60

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Offertory Prayer Sarah Reynolds

The Offertory "The Gift to Be Simple" Wood

*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 6:1-21 Lesley Ratcliff

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

The Anthem "Lord of the Small" Forrest
Lucy Elfert, *soprano*

The Sermon "As Your Soul Lives" Lesley Ratcliff

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

"I never saw a moor,
I never saw the sea;
Yet know I how the heather looks,
And what a wave must be.
I never spoke with God,
Nor visited in heaven;
Yet certain am I of the spot
As if the chart were given."

—Emily Dickinson

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

Join us in the Youth House at 9:15 a.m. for donuts and good conversation.

Cook-Out & Ice Cream Social

We will welcome our seventh graders and kickoff the new school year with a night of food and fun. Please join us Sunday, August 4, from 5:00-7:00 at the Dickisons' house.

Church-Wide Hymn Sing/Backpack Blessing/Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 11, at 5:30 in the Great Hall. Please join our church family as we sing hymns and enjoy ice cream together. Children and youth will also receive a blessing for their backpacks as they begin a new school year.

Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 25, from 5:00-7:00. Youth and parents will meet in the Great Hall to have dinner together. After dinner the youth will divide into groups to go on a video scavenger hunt. During that time, the parents will meet with Dabbs to talk about the new school year. Once the kids return, we will all join to watch the videos from the scavenger hunt and award a winner.

Follow the Youth Instagram @nbcyouth1

Parent and Youth GroupMe

All youth and parents should be on the GroupMe to receive communication about upcoming events. If you are not on the GroupMe, please email Dabbs to be added. This is our main source of communication for the youth group. Dabbs' email is dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org.

**Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, to be at Northminster**

Sunday, August 11

We're honored to welcome the Rev. Paul Baxley on Sunday, August 11. We will gather in the Great Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15) for conversation with Paul. He will then preach in worship. Paul has served as the Executive Coordinator of CBF since 2019. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Paul has held pastorates and ministry positions in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia; and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board. He is married to Jennifer, a physical therapist, and they have four children.

Wider Net Book Club

Sunday, August 25, immediately following worship

How should we at Northminster work with vulnerable populations in our city? What does it look like to live as if the gospel were true?

On Sunday, August 25, immediately following the church service, the Wider Net Committee will host a discussion in the Great Hall about the book *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places* by Michael Mather.

After lunch and a brief discussion of the Wider Net program, the author will join us via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the book. All are welcome, whether you've read the book or not. This will be a great opportunity to learn how other churches and communities collaborate in local missions while reflecting on our church's 20+ years of service through the Wider Net Program.

There is still time to read the book (which is about 130 pages); it can be ordered from Lemuria or any other bookseller.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 669

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

The scriptures for today are found
on the following pages in the pew Bible:

II Samuel 11:1-15, page 248
Ephesians 3:14-21, pages 950-951
John 6:1-21, page 867

Today is the Tenth 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.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Cathy Johnson.

————— 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 Jo Ann Ratliff, a member of Northminster since 1975. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Jo Ann's family and friends.

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

Shirley Geary is hospitalized at Madison Rehab.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

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.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

August 1:	Skipper Jernigan
August 8:	Mitch Peters
August 15:	Eddie Mahaffey
August 22:	Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Monday, August 5

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Jim Blackwood	Becky & Tim Frame, Gayla Purvis
Polly Bourne	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Lawana McLennan	Cathy & Jeff Davis

Stewpot Food Pantry

Monday, August 5:	Bob Boteler & Bill Thompson
Tuesday, August 6:	Ginger Parham & Margie Van Meter
Wednesday, August 7:	Mary & Chico Taylor
Thursday, August 8:	Sunny Fowler & Jan McDonnieal-Wilson

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

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

Tuesdays at Noon
Lunch: sub sandwiches, cost \$10

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.

July 30:	The Christmas Story(ies)
August 6:	The Feeding of the Five Thousand
August 13:	Zacchaeus

Hymn Sing, Backpack Blessing & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship for all ages!