

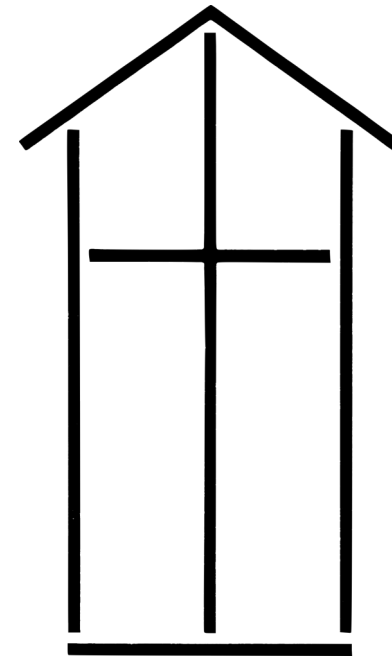
**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.  
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Nena Carmody.  
The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.  
The flowers for August are provided by Lisa Kelly,  
Lesley Mosby, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.  
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
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Wisdom teaches:

The fruits of silence;  
The blessings of health;  
The rewards of self-discipline;  
The satisfaction of achievement;  
The responsibility of power;  
The beauty of nature;  
The miracle of love;  
The meaning of friendship;  
The privilege of prayer;  
The power of faith;  
The joy of sharing;  
The treasure of integrity.

—William Arthur Ward

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 18, 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

Solitude greeting solitude, that's what community is all about. Community is not the place where we are no longer alone but the place where we respect, protect, and reverently greet one another's aloneness. When we allow our aloneness to lead us into solitude, our solitude will enable us to rejoice in the solitude of others. Our solitude roots us in our own hearts. Instead of making us yearn for company that will offer us immediate satisfaction, solitude makes us claim our center and empowers us to call others to claim theirs. Our various solitudes are like strong, straight pillars that hold up the roof of our communal house. Thus, solitude always strengthens community.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

The Prelude            "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"            Pethel

The Call to Worship            "Psalm 150"            Lewandowski

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in His holiness,  
Praise the Lord in His firmament, Praise ye  
the Lord in the firmament of His Power.

\*The Processional Hymn No. 52            *ELLACOMBE*

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

\*The Litany of Praise            Wesley Oakes

Leader:    The Lord be with you.

People:    And also with you.

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, August 18**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Youth Committee, YH

6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

**Monday, August 19**

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

**Tuesday, August 20**

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

**Wednesday, August 21**

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

9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Cmte., GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, August 25**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Wider Net Book Discussion, GH

Youth Scavenger Hunt &

5:00 p.m. Parent Meeting, GH

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

**Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule**

August 18:

Firecrackers—TBD

Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis

August 25:

Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard

Firecrackers—Ramsey & Brian Long

Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

September 1:

Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six  
will resume on September 8 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Children’s Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, September 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children whose birthdays are in September are invited to stop by the Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

**Parents’ Night Out**

Friday, September 13, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, September 11. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents’ Night Out on October 18, November 8 and December 13.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

**People: The handiwork of our Creator is full of honor and majesty.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Our Redeemer is gracious and merciful.**

**All: God’s faithfulness is established forever and ever.  
Amen.**

—Psalm 111 (adapted)

\*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

Wesley Oakes

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Jesus is *not* saying that God’s forgiveness is conditional upon our forgiving others. In the first place, forgiveness that’s conditional isn’t really forgiveness at all, just fair warning; and in the second place, our unforgiveness is among those things about us that we need to have God forgive us most.

—Frederick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Scott Dickison

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. 374

*NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Wesley Oakes

The Offertory “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Wold

\*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 6:51-58

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Last Words of David”

Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God;  
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,  
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out  
of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon

“The Beginning of Wisdom”

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

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Sunday School

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

### 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](mailto:dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org).

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 8  
immediately following the worship service

### Agenda:

Approval of the 2024-2025 Education Leadership  
Election of Deacons

### Deacon Nominees

Blakely Fender	Charles O'Mara	Mike Peters
Elizabeth Quinn	Geri Smith	Wilson Stribling

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

People often think of Christian morality as a kind of bargain in which God says, "If you keep a lot of rules I'll reward you, and if you don't I'll do the other thing." I do not think that is the best way of looking at it. I would much rather say that every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 532 SLANE

"Be Thou My Vision"

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Manz

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, pages 265-267

Psalm 111, page 490

John 6:51-58, page 868

**Today is the Thirteenth 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 today are in memory of Bill Boone.

————— 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 Cindy and Dennis Griffin on the death of Cindy's mother, Louise Lott.

Christian sympathy is extended to Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre on the death of Carolyn's brother, Richard Newman.

Kathy Miller is receiving physical therapy at Methodist Rehab.

Connie Kossen is receiving physical therapy at Methodist Rehab.

Pauline Cochran is receiving therapy at Wisteria Gardens.

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 22:	Bryan Bridges
August 29:	TBD
September 5:	Mike Peters
September 12:	Scott Wilson

**Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, August 21

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Peggy Brady	Tommy & Suzan Thames
Jan Stewart	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Amy Moremen	Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

**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 Annual Church-wide Labor Day Potluck**

Sunday, September 1

No Sunday School—Lunch in the Great Hall following Worship

The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family, plus one more. Please bring serving utensils, and label your dishes and serving pieces.