

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

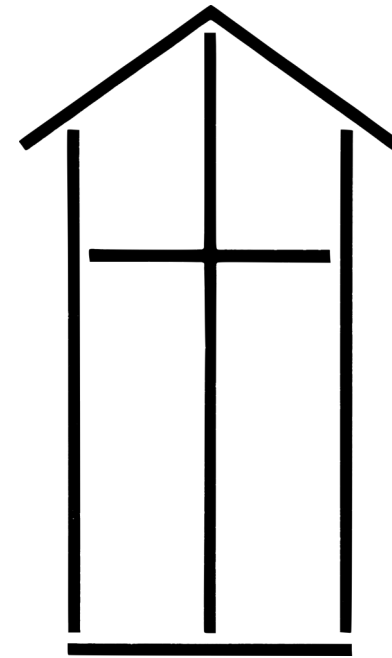
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Holly Wiggs.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.
The Caregiver of the Week is Lisa Cobb.
The Liturgist for August is Holly Wiggs.
The Liturgist for September is Kirk Sims.
The flowers for August are provided by Lisa Kelly,
Lesley Mosby, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.
The Flowers for September are provided by Kandy Sims,
Kathryn Davis, Geri Smith, Kathryn Sams and Jill Buckley.
The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.
The Usher Captain for September is Dawn Warrington.

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

God speaks to us in three places: in scripture, in our deepest selves, and in the voice of the stranger.

—Thomas Merton

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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

With the people I love most I can sit in silence indefinitely. We need both for our full development; the joy of the sense of sound; and the equally great joy of its absence.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

The Prelude "O Day of Rest and Gladness" Travis

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. 62 *ST. DENIO*
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*The Litany of Praise Wilson Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty.

People: How lovely is this place, your dwelling place.

Leader: Yet these walls cannot contain your spirit.

People: Even the highest heaven cannot contain you.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

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 Club, GH

Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent

5:00 p.m. Meeting, GH

Monday, August 26

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, August 28

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Beth Murray/Joe Baker Wedding

Sunday, September 1

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

11:30 a.m. Labor Day Potluck, GH

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.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 25:

Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
Firecrackers—Ramsey & Brian Long
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

September 1

Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

September 8

Firecrackers—Whitney & Slaters Veazey
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

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

Children's Birthday Gathering

Thursday, 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: O Lord, our Lord, there is no other God in heaven above or in earth below.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks and seek to keep your covenant of love,

People: Within these walls and without.

Leader: As for all gathered in this house,

All: We will seek to serve the Lord. Amen.

*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

Wilson Stribling

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

To repent is to come to your senses. It is not so much something you do as something that happens. True repentance spends less time looking at the past and saying, "I'm sorry," than to the future and saying, "Wow!"

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Lesley Ratcliff

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

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. 21 *O STORE GUD*

“How Great Thou Art”

*The Offertory Prayer Wilson Stribling

The Offertory “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” Brahms

*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 6:56-69 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “O How Amiable” Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.
Even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work, O prosper thou our handy work.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

talk about why we worship, and create worship bags. Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

Lunch and Learn Save the Date

Tuesday, September 10 at 12:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Ellen Daniels, Executive Director of the Mississippi Book Festival

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting

Today, 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.

Woody's Peppermint Party

Sunday, September 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a farewell party for Woody as he “retires” from being a youth leader after 20+ years! We would love for any former youth group members to join us and show their appreciation for Woody as well!

Save the Date

Youth Fall Retreat, November 15-17 at Twin Lakes. More information to follow.

Follow the Youth Instagram @nbcyouth1

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

Wednesday Night Supper Resumes

September 4
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

So much of the biblical story happens around a table, because so much of life happens around a table. Tables are miraculous in the way they introduce us to each other, how we can't help but see each other face to face. Jesus's favorite image for abundant life is a table with good food where we gather with friends, family, and once-strangers. When we gather around tables this glimpse of the Kingdom of God comes alive among us.

This year our family of faith will have even more opportunities to gather around tables, beginning September 4 and ending on December 11. We hope you will make plans to join us for a delicious meal and brief vesper service.

The cost of meals this year will be \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, or \$25 per family.

Rising First Graders

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first official entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class.

On Sunday, September 8, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.

Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take an in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal,

The Sermon

"Where God Is"

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

Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

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

*The Recessional Hymn No. 747

LANCASHIRE

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Powell

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43, pages 271-273

Psalm 84, pages 472-473

John 6:56-69, page 868

Today is the Fourteenth 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.

————— 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 Diane and Nicky Drake on the death of Diane's son, Tim Sanders.

Kathy Miller 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 29:	TBD
September 5:	Mike Peters
September 12:	Scott Wilson
September 19:	Justin Beard

Meals on Wheels

Monday, August 26

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Faye Barham	Jean & Kelley Williams
Amy Moremen	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Lawana McLennan	Cathy & Jeff Davis

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Wider Net Book Club

Today, 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?

Today, 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.

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.