

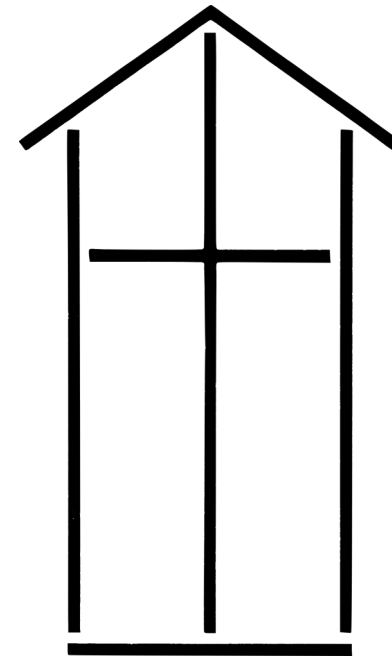
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Will Walker.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Becky Wooley.
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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“We are loved out of all sense of proportion.
Yikes and hallelujah.”

—Anne Lamott,
Dusk, Night, Dawn

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
August 4, 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

“Focused stillness creates an empty space in which to test the rough edges of experience and to discover wider perspectives.... Without cultivating times of silence and solitude, we cannot create an environment of obedient listening in which to hearken to God’s voice.”

—Thomas R. Hawkins,
A Life That Becomes the Gospel

The Prelude “O God, Beyond All Praising” Callahan

The Spoken Call to Worship Scott Dickison

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 *NICAEA*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*The Litany of Praise Madeleine Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God of grace and abundant mercy, we are present – in this space, in this time, with one another.

People: We seek truth. God grant us wisdom.

Leader: We present our humble, undeserving hearts.

People: Create in us clean hearts and righteous spirits.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 4

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

11:30 a.m. Children’s Ministries Cmte.

5:00 p.m. Youth Cook-Out, away

Monday, August 5

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, L/CR

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Session with Paul Baxley, GH

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social, GH

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.

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 Worship Volunteer Schedule

- August 11: Firecrackers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey
Sparklers—Kyle & Kim Watson
- August 18: Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis

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!

Leader: God of second chances, of unexplainable peace in impossible circumstances, of beautiful relationships woven from broken threads,

All: Your steadfast love endures forever. 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

Madeleine Wiggs

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12

Lesley Ratcliff

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“We often confuse unconditional love with unconditional approval. God loves us without conditions but does not approve of every human behavior.... It is important for us to hold on to the truth that God never gives up loving us even when God is saddened by what we do. That truth will help us to return to God's ever-present love.”

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

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. 768 *DOVE OF PEACE*
 “I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer Madeleine Wiggs

The Offertory “Adagio” Mendelssohn

*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 6:24-35 Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem “Be Thou My Vision”
 Shirley Foster, *soprano*
 Austra Jasineviciute, *viola* Trenney

The Sermon “Telling the Truth” Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Cook-Out

We will welcome our seventh graders and kickoff the new school year with a night of food and fun. Please join us tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Dickisons’ house.

Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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!
If you would like to provide ice cream for the event, please contact
Lesley Ratcliff

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 over the Sunday School hour, from 9:15-10:15, for time in 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.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread—Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, and return to the pews by the outside aisle. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. A gluten-free option is available at the communion table.

The Cup—Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Once all have been served, we will drink the cup together.

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 glorious message of Scripture is that we do not have to be perfect for our Maker to love us. All through the great stories, heavenly love is lavished on visibly imperfect people.... God loves us in our complex *isness*, and when we get stuck on the image of the totally virtuous and morally perfect person we will never be, we are unable to accept this unqualified love, or to love other people in their rich complexity.

If God can love... any single one of us as we really are, then it is possible for us to turn in love to those who hurt or confuse us. Those we know and those we do not know. And that makes me take a new look at love."

—Madeleine L'Engle,
A Stone for a Pillow: Journeys with Jacob

*The Recessional Hymn No. 486

WELLESLEY

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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**The congregation will please stand.*

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

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a, pages 248-249

Psalm 51:1-12, page 452

John 6:24-35, pages 867-868

Communion and Children: Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all children to feel included. Northminster honors a long-standing tradition that each family will decide whether non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that if a family decides that a child should wait to receive Communion, the child can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. Hopefully, this option provides all children a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community.

Today is the Eleventh 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

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

Pauline Cochran is hospitalized at UMMC.

Bill Boone is hospitalized at Baptist.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

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 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