

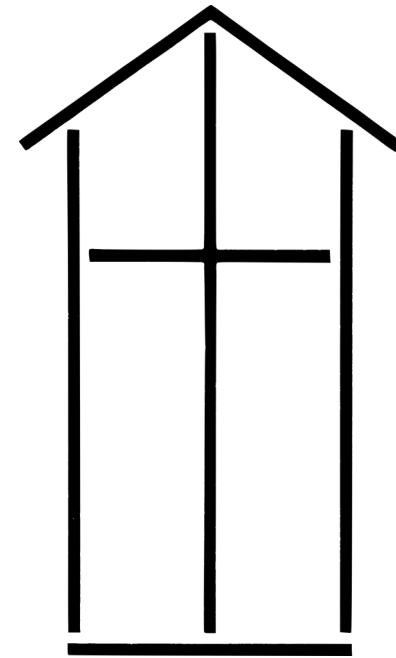
**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Jeff Wilson.  
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Guy Parker, III.  
The Liturgist for September is Kirk Sims.  
The Flowers for September are provided by Kandy Sims,  
Kathryn Davis, Geri Smith, Kathryn Sams and Jill Buckley.  
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
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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

— I Corinthians 13:1-3

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 1, 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

Love is divine only and difficult always. If you think it is easy, you are a fool. If you think it is natural you are blind. It is a learned application without reason or motive except that it is God.

—Tony Morrison, *Paradise*

The Prelude "Aria" Manz

The Call to Worship "Let the Words of Our Mouths" Erickson

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our rock and our salvation.

\*The Processional Hymn No. 45 *NETTLETON*  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*The Litany of Praise George Luter

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

**People: My tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.**

Leader: You are the most handsome of the sons of men and grace is poured upon your lips;

**People: Therefore God has blessed you forever.**

Leader: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

**People: The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 1**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

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

**Monday, September 2**

Church office is closed

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, September 3**

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

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies Cmte., L/CR

**Wednesday, September 4**

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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship Class & First Grade  
Bible Presentation

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:45 a.m. Lunch for Rising First Graders,  
GH

5:00 p.m. Preschool and Elementary Atrium  
& and Four5Six

5:30 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries , GH

Leader: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  
**People: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.**  
Leader: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
**All: Therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**  
—Psalm 45, 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 George Luter  
The Greeting Scott Dickison  
The Lessons Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
James 1:17-27 Scott Dickison

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

### CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

#### The Meditation of Confession

I discovered a version of the sinner's prayer that increased my faith far more than the one that I had said years earlier...In this version, there were no formulas, no set phrases that promised us safe passage across the abyss. There was only our tattered trust that the Spirit who had given us life would not leave us in the wilderness without offering us life again.

—Barbara Brown Taylor,  
*An Altar in the World*

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. 593

*GIFT OF LOVE*

“The Gift of Love”

\*The Offertory Prayer

George Luter

The Offertory

“Child of the Light”

Coker

\*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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One”

McCray

Amulet Strange, *flute*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo! The winter is past,  
And the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
The time of the singing of birds is come,  
And the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.  
I am my beloved's and she is mine.  
I am my beloved's and he is mine.  
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

**Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule**

September 1

Firecrackers—Amy & Matt Thames  
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

September 8

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

September 15:

Firecrackers—Olivia & Keith Studdard  
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

**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.

The Sermon

“Voice of the Beloved”

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.**

**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

'You have been given questions to which you cannot be given answers. You will have to live them out - perhaps a little at a time.'  
'And how long is that going to take?'  
'I don't know. As long as you live, perhaps.'  
'That could be a long time.'  
'I will tell you a further mystery,' he said. 'It may take longer.'

—Wendell Berry, *Jayber Crow*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 60 *FAITHFULNESS*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Jesus Shall Reign” Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, page 544

James 1:17-27, pages 980-981

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23, pages 818-819

**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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.** The season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy

## Lunch and Learn

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.

### 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!

### Pool Party & Cook Out

Sunday, September 22, 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Jean and Kelley Williams’ house—2030 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS. Bring your appetites, swimsuits, and towels, for an evening of food, fun, and water.

### Save the Date

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

### 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).

## Adult Studies

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

### **Back to the Basics: A Sabbatical Report**

*September 8*

What might one discover on a hike of the Appalachian Trail? What might God say on a 7000-mile cross-country road trip? What could one learn from three months of intentional sabbath? Lesley will share some of the answers to these questions, and other stories and lessons from her sabbatical to kick-off Adult Studies for the fall.

### **Midwives of a Movement: A Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary**

*September 15*

“*Midwives of a Movement* chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the SBC in the 1970s and 1980s. Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists over the last 40+ years.”

On September 15, we'll gather to view *Midwives of a Movement* and share in a brief discussion of this wonderful documentary.

### **What It Means to Be Human: Studies in Genesis**

*September 22 and 29, & October 6, 20 and 27*

Few books in the Bible have captured the imagination of readers through the generations like the book of Genesis. Placed at the beginning of scripture, it tells a story of creation that echoes out through all that is to come. This fall, Scott will lead us in taking a closer look at the opening eleven chapters of Genesis, which we often take to be the story of creation and humanity's beginnings. Yet we will consider how these founding stories aim to tell us not only from where we have come, but also who we are in the present.

### **Rising Hope: A Together for Hope Documentary**

*November 10 and 17*

“In this cinematic portrait of the forgotten Mississippi Delta, a coalition region of Together for Hope, the cinematographers follow the inspirational individuals who, despite challenging personal hardships, are determined to keep hope alive in their communities and turn the tables on the degrading narrative of rural poverty.”

We'll watch the documentary across two nights of Adult Studies and conclude our viewing on November 17th with a discussion led by Jason Coker, President of Together for Hope.

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 Nason, Jane Claire, Alex, Elise and Parker Williams on the death of Nason's mother, Pat Williams.

Kathy Miller is receiving physical therapy at Madison Health & Rehab.

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Shaffer

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**

September 5: Mike Peters  
September 12: Scott Wilson  
September 19: Justin Beard  
September 26: Jeff Wilson

### **Meals on Wheels**

Monday, September 2

Cooks: Rt. 1 Drivers:  
Gail England Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Lisa Cobb Rt. 2 Drivers:  
Annette Hitt Keith Davis & Bob Boteler

### ———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

#### **The Annual Church-wide Labor Day Potluck**

Today

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.

Servers:

Hilda Boteler, Cade Montague, Judy Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

#### **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 seeing 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.

Menu:

Savory green salad, pot roast, tomato tart, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread, assorted desserts, iced tea

Servers:

Hilda Boteler, Kathy Burkhalter, Cade Montague and Cindy Reed

#### **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, 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!