

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

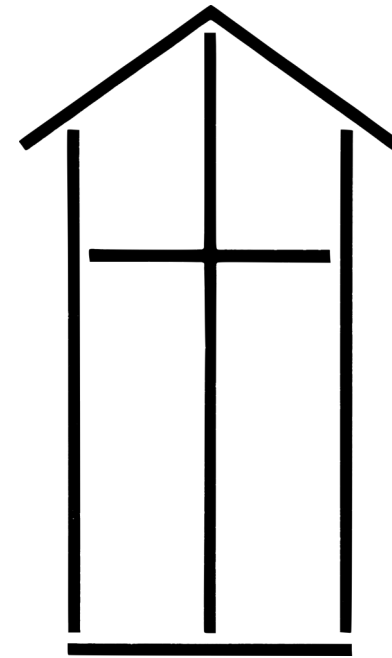
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Carrie Blount.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.
The Caregiving Chair for October is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for October is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver of the Week is Patricia McClure.
The Liturgist for September is Kirk Sims.
The Liturgist for October is Monica Daniels.
The flowers for September are provided by Kandy Sims,
Kathryn Davis, Geri Smith, Kathryn Sams and Jill Buckley.
The flowers for October are provided by Jennifer Stribling,
Kandy Sims, Jane Claire Williams and Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for September is Dawn Warrington.
The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

—Mathew 20:25-28

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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

To live is to be marked. To live is to change, to acquire the words of a story, and that is the only celebration we mortals really know. If you feel you can't change, you're stuck in your own world. You have to invite transformation in order to grow.

—Barbara Kingsolver
The Poisonwood Bible

The Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Manz

The Call to Worship Erickson

"Let the Words of Our Mouths"

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. 20 *ODE TO JOY*
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*The Litany of Praise Clay Wooley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: If the Lord had not been on our side when people
attacked us,

People: They would have swallowed us alive.

Leader: When their anger flared against us, the flood would have
engulfed us,

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte., Rm. 118

Wednesday, October 2

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, October 6

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

11:30 a.m. Worship & Music Cmte., GH

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:30 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

September 29: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson

October 6: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
Sparklers—David & Miles Munn

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, October 18, 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, October 16. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

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

Save the Date—Children’s Retreat

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be exploring the theme “Our Time Is Sacred,” and highlighting the life of Jesus through the colors of the liturgical calendar. We’ll play games, have Bible study, do a ropes course, and have a bonfire. This year, we will have our retreat at the same time as the Northminster youth, and we will gather for a kickball tournament with them in the afternoon.

We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on November 16 and return in time for worship at Northminster on November 17. Registration packets can be found at the Children’s Entrance or by contacting Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

People: The torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare.

Leader: The snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

—Psalm 124, 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

Clay Wooley

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart and soul to God, through Christ, with the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to the Word, for the good of the church, with submission, in faith, to the will of God.

—John Bunyan
Praying in the Spirit

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. 651 *MARYTON*

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*The Offertory Prayer Clay Wooley

The Offertory “My Jesus, I Love Thee” Haan

*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 9:38-50 Lesley Ratcliff

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

The Anthem “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Ziegenhals

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, thru centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: red beans & rice, savory fall salad,
French bread, assorted desserts, iced tea

Children's Menu: chicken tenders, fruit, chips

Servers: Kathy Burkhalter, Cade Montague,
Amy Moremen and M'Lee Williams

Cashier: George Luter

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Fall Retreat

The youth will be going on our Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes the weekend of November 15-17. Kelsey Stillwell will be leading the retreat, and we are very excited about what she has to offer. Kelsey is a writer, retreat leader, and former Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia.

The cost of the retreat is \$25 and can be paid online. You can also send a check to the church office with “youth fall retreat” in the memo line. To register, please fill out the forms in the packet (sent on GroupMe) and return to the church office, pay the \$25 and let Dabbs know your child's preferred sweatshirt size. The deadline to do all of these things is October 10.

Save the Date

Passport 2025 will be June 21-27 at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. Rising seventh graders can choose to attend Passport or Passport Kids.

Meals on Wheels

Monday, October 7

Cooks: Rebecca Starling
Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady

Rt. 1 Drivers: Susan & Charles O'Mara

Rt. 2 Drivers: Hilda & Bob Boteler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Studies

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

What It Means to Be Human: Studies in Genesis

Tonight, 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. Scott is leading 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 are considering how these founding stories aim to tell us not simply from where we have come, but 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 17 with a discussion led by Jason Coker, President of Together for Hope.

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Scott Dickison

"Curiosity, Cooperation, and What Matters Most"

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

O Spirit of the living God,
Thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon Thy Church once more
And make it truly Thine.

—Henry Tweedy
O Spirit of the Living God

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648

ANGEL'S STORY

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

"God of Grace"

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

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


Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, pages 113-114
Psalm 19:7-14, page 433
Mark 9:38-50, pages 821-822

Today is the Nineteenth 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

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Edwin Pittman, a member of Northminster since 2006. Christian sympathy is extended to Virginia Pittman, Melanie and John Wakeland and all of Edwin's family and friends.

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

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

October 3:	Joe Sims
October 10:	Kirk Sims
October 17:	Joe Rankin
October 23:	TBD