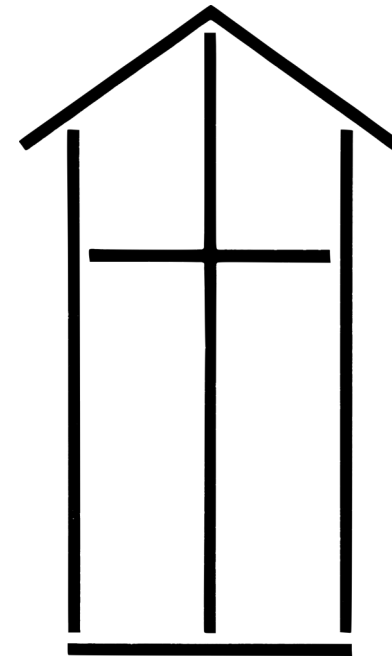


**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Trey Clark.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for October is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Gail England.  
The Liturgist for October is Monica Daniels.  
The flowers for October are provided by Jennifer Stribling,  
Kandy Sims, Jane Claire Williams and Lisa Kelly.  
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
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Psalm 90:16

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 13, 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

Small children give small gifts; but God divinizes children,  
bestowing on them qualities conformable to their high dignity.

—Blessed Marie of the Incarnation

The Prelude “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” Powell

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. 62 *ST. DENIO*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*The Litany of Praise Blair Taff

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart  
of wisdom.

**People: Relent, Lord! How long will it be?**

Leader: Have compassion on your servants.

**All: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on  
us; establish the work of our hands for us, yes,  
establish the work of our hands.**

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 13**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, October 14**

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

**Tuesday, October 15**

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

**Wednesday, October 16**

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. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 17**

3:00 p.m. Children’s Birthday Gathering, GH

**Friday, October 18**

6:00 p.m. Parents’ Night Out

**Sunday, October 20**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:30 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

6:45 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting, L/CR

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

**Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- October 13: Firecrackers—Natalie & Cy Parks  
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff
- October 20: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder  
Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway  
Sparklers—Jennifer & Drew Rymer
- October 27: Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan  
Sparklers—Morgan & Aaron Samuels

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

**Passport Kids**

June 16-20 in Berea, KY at Berea College. More info to follow.

\*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

Blair Taff

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16

Scott Dickison

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

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Without words, it comes. And suddenly, sharply one is aware of being separated...and from the beginning of things and from the future and even a little, from one’s self. A moment before one was happily playing...now at one’s feet there are chasms...and one knows, and never remembers how it was learned, that there will always be chasms, and across the chasms will always be... love.

—Lillian Smith, *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. 651

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

\*The Offertory Prayer Blair Taff

The Offertory "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Wood

\*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 10:17-31 Lesley Ratcliff

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

The Anthem "Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord" Christiansen

Thy Kingdom come, O Lord,  
Wide-circling as the sun;  
Fulfill of old Thy word  
And make the nations one.  
One in the bond of peace,  
The service glad and free  
Of truth and righteousness,  
Of love and equity.

Speed, speed the longed-for time  
Foretold by raptured seers,  
The prophecy sublime,  
The hope of all the years.  
Till rise at last, to span  
Its firm foundation broad,  
The commonwealth of man,  
The city of our God.

The Sermon "What Must I Do?" 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.

## All Saints' Sunday

November 3

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday. Names may be submitted by e-mail to Neely Grimsley at [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) or by printing them on the form provided in your Sunday worship bulletin, which may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Forms will also be available in the church office. Please add any notes on pronunciation that may be helpful. **All names must be submitted by Monday, October 21.**

On the evening of November 3, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an All Saints' Vesper Service, at which time the names will be read aloud.

### ————— YOUTH NEWS —————

There will be no youth group on Sunday, October 13.

### 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" on 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

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

## Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Giant Slide, Games, Cookout, Candy Bar Walk & Pumpkin Painting

Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us in the “backyard” of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the youth house at no charge.

Rain will cancel. Non-scary costumes are preferred.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

## Adult Studies

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

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

October 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.

## Lunch & Learn with Rick Cleveland

Tuesday, October 22

12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Everyone is invited to join us for a delicious meal and to learn from Rick, a sports columnist for *Mississippi Today*.

RSVP by October 17 to  
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703

## Northminster Women’s Retreat

Friday, January 24—Sunday, January 26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center—Raymond, MS

## TIME OF RESPONSE

I don’t think money was the rich man’s problem so much as it was that gate he bought with it. If the gate had just kept Lazarus off his property, that would have been one thing, but it did more than that. It kept Lazarus off his hands as well. It kept Lazarus off his heart and mind, because the rich man made the same mistake most of us do. He believed money really could fix a chasm between the saved and the lost—that once he had enough money to buy a gate, he was safe from all the ugliness on the other side of it—or at least safe as long as he could afford to live there. God forbid that he should ever be like Lazarus. God forbid that he should ever be in such great need that he had to live on someone else’s leftovers.

—Barbara Brown Taylor  
“Our True Value”

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 634

*CWM RHONDDA*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

“O Love, How Deep”

Callahan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, pages 746-747

Hebrews 4:12-16, pages 972-973

Mark 10:17-31, pages 822-823

**Today is the Twenty-first 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 Kari Wooley and Jimmy, Becca, Katie and Ellie Vance on the death of Jimmy's father, John Vance.

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 17:	Joe Rankin
October 24:	TBD
October 31:	TBD
November 7:	Kirk Sims
November 14:	Mitch Peters

**Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, October 16

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Judy Rankin	Laine & Bob Hardin
Sara Hays	Rt. 2 Driver:
Missy Caver	Steve Bass

**Stewpot Food Pantry**

Monday, October 14  
Bill Thompson

Tuesday, October 15  
Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, October 16  
Mary & Chico Taylor

Thursday, October 17  
Sunny Fowler  
Jan McDonnieal-Wilson

————— **ANNOUNCEMENTS** —————

There will be no Sunday evening activities today.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, October 16  
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Servers: Sara Cox, Gloria Montgomery,  
Cindy Reed & Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter