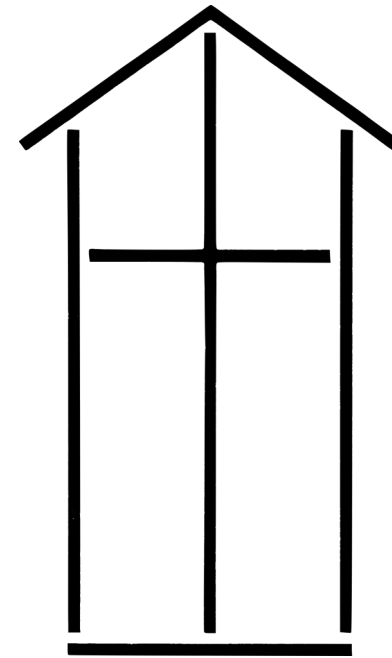


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Elizabeth Boone.
The Caregiving Chair for October is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for October is Steve Godbold.
The Caregivers of the Week are Melissa & Steve Godbold.
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

“Be not deceived, Wormwood, our cause is never more in jeopardy than when a human, no longer desiring but still intending to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe in which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken and still obeys.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 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

I know a lot of fancy words.
I tear them from my heart and my tongue,
And then I pray.

—Mary Oliver, “Six Recognitions of the Lord”

The Prelude “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” Pinkston

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. 701 *BEECHER*
“God Is Here!”

*The Litany of Praise Monica Daniels

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity.

People: Examine me, O Lord, and prove me.

Leader: Try my mind and my heart,

All: For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

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, SN 456

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, October 7

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, October 9

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 13

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

- October 6: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
Sparklers—David & Miles Munn
October 13: Firecrackers—Natalie & Cy Parks
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff

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. 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.

Passport Kids

June 16-20 in Berea, KY at Berea College.

*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

Monica Daniels

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Old Testament Lessons

Genesis 2:4-8, 18-24
Psalm 8

Lesley Ratcliff

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:37-39

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Scott Dickison

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Scott Dickison

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. 384

TERRA BEATA

“This Is My Father’s World”

*The Offertory Prayer

Monica Daniels

The Offertory “Meditation on ‘Cross-Formed Life’” 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 New Testament Lesson Scott Dickison
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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

The Anthem “Thy Name Is Love” Hopkins
Jorge Diez, *clarinet*

O Jesus Lord, who died for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
pure Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
thy nature, and thy name is Love.

My prayer hath power with God;
the grace unspeakable now I receive;
through faith I see thee face to face, and live!
In vain I have not wept and strove;
thy nature and thy name is Love.

I know thee, Savior, who thou art,
Jesus, the feeble sinner’s friend;
nor wilt thou with the night depart,
but stay and love me to the end.
Thy mercies never shall remove;
thy nature and thy name is Love.

The Sermon “What Are Humans?” Scott Dickison

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.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: Caesar salad, barbecue chicken, cheese grits,
marinated vegetables, yeast rolls, assorted desserts and iced tea
Servers: Ann Calhoun, Mary Heard and Gloria Montgomery
Cashier: George Luter

Northminster Women’s Retreat

Friday, January 24-Sunday, January 26
Eagle Ridge Conference Center—Raymond, MS

———— 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

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.

Meals on Wheels

Monday, October 7

Cooks: Rebecca Starling
Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady

Rt. 1 Drivers:
Becky & Tim Frame

Rt. 2 Drivers:
Pat & Mike Beall

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

Adult Studies

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

What It Means to Be Human: Studies in Genesis

Tonight, 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.

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."

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

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

May all sentient beings enjoy happiness and the root of happiness.
May we be free from suffering and the root of suffering.
May we not be separated from the great happiness devoid of suffering.
May we dwell in the great equanimity free from passion, aggression, and prejudice.

—The Four Limitless Ones Chant

*The Recessional Hymn No. 48 *SLANE*

“God of Creation, All-Powerful”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “Rigaudon” Campra

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 2:4-8, 18-24, page 2

Psalm 8, page 427

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, pages 970-971

Today is the Twentieth 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.

The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Emily Newcomb. The proud parents are Sarah and Nick Newcomb.

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

Congratulations to Sarah and Nick Newcomb on the birth of their daughter, Emily. Emily is also welcomed by George Smith, and Jennifer, Drew and George Rymer.

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

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

October 10:	Kirk Sims
October 17:	Joe Rankin
October 24:	TBD
October 31:	TBD