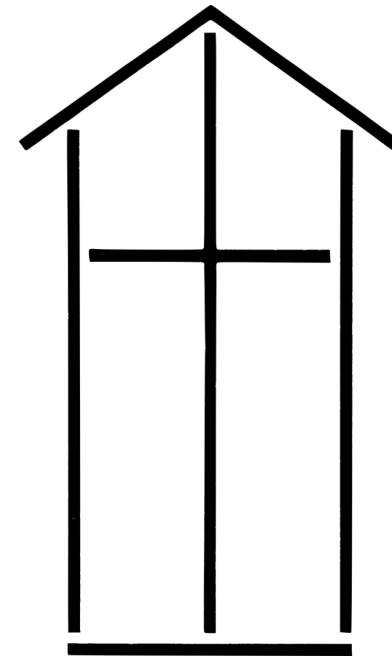


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Matt Kelly.
The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Becky Wooley.
The Liturgist for today is Amy Finkelberg.
The flowers for November are provided by Jill Buckley,
Kandy Sims, Jane Claire Williams and Geri Smith.
The Usher Captain for November 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
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

I am asking,
O God my midwife,
deliver me.

—Jan Richardson

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 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

As the birth pangs of change intensify in the midst of a broken world, Creator God, sustain our wisdom and fortify our hope of wholeness.

—Dallas Brauningner,
Lectionary Worship Aids, adapted

The Prelude “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Bach

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful in the Lord” Yarrington
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Bless the Lord!

*The Processional Hymn No. 78 *ST. ANNE*
“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

*The Litany of Praise Alex Williams

Leader: Bless the one who counsels and guides us.

People: Because we keep the Lord forever before us, we shall not be moved.

Leader: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

People: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life.

All: Praise the Lord!

—*Feasting on the Word*
Worship Companion, Year B

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 17

Youth & Children return from retreats

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication

5:00 p.m. Banner Bearer & Acolyte Training, Narthex

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 20

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. Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Luncheon for Choir, GH

*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

Alex Williams

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Dedication of Children and Parents

George Stephen Rymer
Son of Drew and Jennifer Rymer

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present George to the church and to dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: *We, his parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.*

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: **That he is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about his faith history?

People: **He will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage; and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior; and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with him regularly, teach him to pray and lead him into a loving relationship with God?

Parents: *We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.*

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

People: **Yes, we too, will share in his growth, for he belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

People: **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child Scott Dickison

The Lessons I Samuel 2:1-10 Lesley Ratcliff
Psalm 16

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God of grace,
all around us are wars,
and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.
Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the signs
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—*Feasting on the Word*
Worship Companion, Year B

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. 60 *FAITHFULNESS*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Offertory Prayer Alex Williams

The Offertory “The Good Shepherd” Wood

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

November 17: Firecrackers—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn
Sparklers—Sophia & Rachel Royston

November 24: Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams

December 1: Firecrackers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, December 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, December 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, December 11. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

Passport Kids

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

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 Lord God,
who has called us your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden
and through perils unknown:
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that Your hand is leading us
and Your love supporting us. Amen.

—*Lutheran Book of Worship*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 556 *ST. CATHERINE*
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude Willan
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

I Samuel 2:1-10, page 214
Psalm 16, pages 430-431
Mark 13:1-8, pages 825-826

Boarding Homes Project: An Advent Tradition

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.
Great Hall

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and gift. On Sunday, December 8, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing them in individual gift bags to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to boarding homes

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, November 20

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Kathy Burkhalter	Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Helen Turner	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Elizabeth Quinn	Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

Today is the Twenty-sixth 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.

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Northminster's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service

Wednesday, November 20
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service.

We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.

Volunteers: Hilda Boteler, Kathy Burkhalter, Sara Cox, Gloria Montgomery, Joe & Judy Rankin, Sam Sanders and George Williams

Northminster Angel Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 24, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Tuesday, December 17, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.

**The Precision of Pain and the Blurriness of Joy:
The Touch of Longing is Everywhere**

—by Yehuda Amichai
translated from the Hebrew by
Chana Bloch and Chana Kronfeld

The precision of pain and the blurriness of joy. I'm thinking
how precise people are when they describe their pain in a doctor's
office. Even those who haven't learned to read and write are precise:
This one's a throbbing pain, and this one's
a wrenching pain, and this one gnaws, this one burns and
this is a sharp pain and this
is a dull one. Right here. Precisely here, yes, yes.
Joy blurs everything. I've heard people say
after nights of love and feasting, It was great,
I was in seventh heaven. And even the space man who floated
in outer space, tethered to a space ship, could only say, Great,
wonderful, I have no words.
The blurriness of joy and the precision of pain—
I want to describe with a sharp pain's precision
happiness and blurry joy. I learned to speak among the pains.

———— 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 Sham and Kathleen Davis Singh on the birth of their
son, James Quinn Singh. James is also welcomed by Henry Singh, Keith
and Kathryn Davis and Lucy Davis.

Kathy Miller is at home with hospice care.

Jack McDaniel is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

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 con-
cern 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 Care-
giving Committee.

Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need,
please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

November 21:	Holly Wiggs
November 28:	Mike Peters
December 5:	Bo Allen
December 12:	Bryan Bridges