# MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Gail England.

The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt, Sara Reynolds and Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiver of the Week is Gail England.

The Liturgist for today is Anne Brawley.

The Liturgist for December is Amy Williams.

The flowers for November are provided by Jill Buckley, Kandy Sims, Jane Claire Williams and Geri Smith.

The flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.

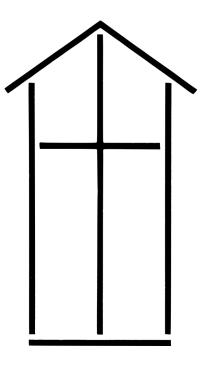
The Usher Captain for November is Matt Kelly.

The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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 Dabbs Massey Interim Youth Coordinator Tim Coker Minister of Music Organist Sheila Hess Billy Trotter **Organist Emeritus** Office Manager Leslie Ward Financial Secretary Sam South Receptionist/Secretary Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley Lamenais Simeon Sexton

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"Thy Kingdom come...on earth" is what we say. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall?...To speak these words is to invite the tiger out of the cage....

-Frederick Buechner

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# THE ACT OF WORSHIP Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 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

Beginnings and endings, endings and beginnings. Today we end our church year. We stand at a doorway that leads to a new beginning with fresh opportunities and abundant blessings for our community of faith. At this doorway, we are not alone.

The Prelude "Come, Thou Almighty King" Travis

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. 127 (see insert) SINE NOMINE

"All Praise to Christ"

\*The Litany of Praise Bob Hardin

Leader: God has invited us to gather courage from the great

cloud of witnesses before us,

**People:** as we remember what was....

Leader: Christ has challenged us to accept the radical call to

discipleship,

People: as we acknowledge what is....

Leader: The Spirit has led us to be Christ's church,

People: as we imagine what will be....

Leader: At this doorway we take courage that God is with us.

#### THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

### 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

# Monday, November 25

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., L/CR

### Wednesday, November 27

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

### Thursday, November 28

Church office closed

### Friday, November 29

Church office closed

# Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

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

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

### **Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

November 24: Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow

Sparklers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams

December 1: Firecrackers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long

December 8: Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan

Sparklers—Blair & Ryder Taff

# The Living Nativity

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all first through sixth graders, are invited to participate in the Living Nativity, which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

Practice began this morning. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

December 1 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. December 8 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. December 15 from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

All rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, except for December 24, when we will meet in the Great Hall. Because rehearsal times are short, please be on time and attend as many rehearsals as possible.

We look forward to our children leading us in worship throughout the season of Advent!

# 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.

# **Passport Kids**

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

**People:** We affirm our call to go where Christ leads,

Leader: and we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challeng-

ing space between what was, what is and what will be.

All: As we enter this doorway, we are not alone. Thanks

be to God!

—The United Church of Canada

\*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.

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Bob Hardin

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Psalm 93

Scott Dickison

II Samuel 23:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

How desperately difficult it is to be honest with oneself. It is much easier to be honest with other people.

—Edward White Benson Archbishop of Canterbury

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. 115

CRUSADER'S HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*The Offertory Prayer

**Bob Hardin** 

The Offertory

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

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

John 18:33-37

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Coker

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light; Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the dawn, 'til your glories shine on me; joyless is the day's return 'til your mercy's beams I see.

As they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief.

More and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

The Sermon

"My Kingdom is Not From Here"

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.

# — YOUTH NEWS —

# **Youth Sunday School**

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

# **Sunday Nights at the Youth House**

We will not meet tonight.

# Stewpot

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

Meet in the Great Hall kitchen where we will prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot. We will go out to lunch when we finish.

### **Youth Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.

We will have our White Elephant gift exchange. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and bring a wrapped gift that costs around \$10. It will be a fun night!

#### Save the Dates

Spring Break trip to Fort Morgan, AL, March 8-12

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.



Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

We will not meet tonight.

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

#### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to provide a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please complete a form and return it with \$10 for each plant ordered. You may order in different ways:

Use the insert included in today's order of worship or the one included in the order of worship on December 8, and return it in the offering plate. You can also stop by the church office to complete a form or send an email to neely@northminsterbaptist.org.

Deadline to receive information is Monday, December 9.

# **Spann Kindergartners Sing Christmas Carols**

You are invited to join the Adopt-A-School Committee in listening to the Spann School Kindergarteners sing Christmas Carols on Friday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

#### TIME OF RESPONSE

As we greet each new doorway, let us give thanks and glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 262

DARWELL

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

Toccata on "Duke Street"

Martin

\*The congregation will please stand.

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

> Psalm 93, page 478 II Samuel 23:1-7, page 261 John 18:33-37, page 881

**Today is Christ the King Sunday.** Known also as Reign of Christ Sunday, this Lord's Day points to God's ultimate victory and reign through Jesus Christ. Coming at the close of the Christian year, it also leads immediately into the beginning of the new Christian year as Advent begins next Sunday. The liturgical color is white, used on occasions which magnify the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Nancy Louise Skene. The proud parents are Kyle and Gates Skene.

### ——— 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 Jack McDaniel, a member of Northminster since 1971. Christian sympathy is extended to Linda, Chip and Lyn, and all of Jack's family and friends.

Congratulations to Kyle and Gates Skene on the birth of their daughter, Nancy Louise Skene. Nancy is also welcomed by Eliza Skene; Dudley and Julie Wooley; Clay and Helen Wooley; and John Burton Wooley, as well as all her family and friends.

Kathy Miller is at home with hospice care.

#### 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**

November 28: Mike Peters
December 5: Bo Allen
December 12: Bryan Bridges
December 19: Andy Frame

#### Meals on Wheels

Monday, November 25

Cooks: Rt. 1 Drivers:

Lawana McLennan Luke Dove & Bob Hardin

Faye Barham Rt. 2 Drivers:

Amy Moremen Steve Bass & Keith Davis



### **Northminster Angel Tree**

Beginning today 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.

# **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.