

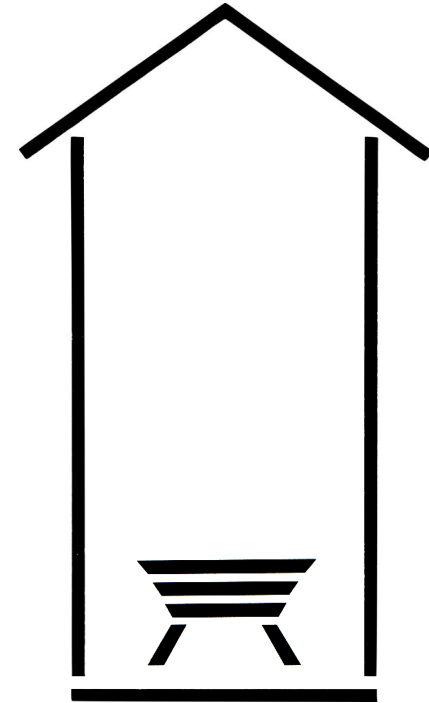
**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Will Walker.  
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt,  
Sarah Reynolds and Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Annette Hitt.  
The Liturgist for December is Amy Williams.  
The flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly,  
Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.  
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
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**

Where do we begin? Begin with the heart.  
—Julian of Norwich

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
December 22, 2024  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**LIGHT COMING INTO DARKNESS**

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

We come into this stillness like snowfall, the air alive with angels, every blessed flake singular and mysterious, what's outside quiet now, and changing form. Quickening, we breathe silence. Presence holds our lives in hush. Light dazzles. Listening, we learn to answer.

—Jeanne Lohmann

The Prelude      “O Hail this Brightest Day of Days”      Bach

The Call to Worship      “Advent Message”      How

Come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly!  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!  
Come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly! Amen.

**THE COMING OF THE LIGHT**

\*The Lighting of the Candle of Love      Sybil Frame

\*The Advent Banner      Ann Mabry Hendrix

\*The Processional Hymn No. 135      *HYFRYDOL*  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*The Advent Litany      Cheryl Allen

Leader:      The LOVE of Christ be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 22**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Practice, Choir Rm.

9:15 a.m. Church-wide Christmas Breakfast, GH

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Monday, December 23**

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday, December 24**

Church office closed

4:30 p.m. Living Nativity Practice, GH

5:00 p.m. Pre-service music

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, December 25**

Church office closed

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Leader: Gracious God, giver of life, magnify your love within us.

**People: Help us to seek you not in a long ago stable, but in the people we meet and in the depth of our own hearts.**

Leader: When the turmoils of the world seem overwhelming, may we abide in you and feel nourished by your grace.

**People: As we await the final joy of the coming of Christ,**

**All: May we outdo one another in showing love. Amen.**

—Rev. M. Anghaarad Teague Dees  
and Rev. Susan Ivany, 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

Cheryl Allen

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Bowen Cox

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

**Bowen, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.**

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE CONFESSION OF DARKNESS AND THE ASSURANCE OF LIGHT

The Meditation of Confession

Illuminating Spirit,

Change my heart and help me to love. Change my mind and teach me how to serve. Change my actions and let my motives always be pure. In this moment, help me to be still. Amen.

—adapted from The Book of Daily Prayer

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.**

## GRATITUDE FOR THE LIGHT

\*The Offertory Hymn

Great Carols of Our Faith  
(sing verses 1 and 2)

No. 170 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 150 "What Child Is This"

No. 162 "The First Noel"

\*The Offertory Prayer Cheryl Allen

The Offertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hudson

\*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!**

The Wylie and Miller families in honor of Scott Dickison, Lesley Ratcliff  
and Marty Harper  
Hart Wylie and Megan Wylie in honor of our mother, Kathy Miller  
Hart Wylie in honor of Madeleine and Mary Gilbert Wylie  
Mike and Tonia Peters in honor of Mitch, Ceejaye, Anna Mitchell, Elizabeth  
and Eleanor Peters  
Mike and Tonia Peters in honor of Sam, Courtney, Savannah, Marshall and  
Milton Peters  
Mike and Tonia Peters in honor of Chase, Haley and Wilder McMullan  
John and Gail England in honor of Elizabeth Triplett  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in honor of Richard and  
Marilyn Joiner  
Samuel Sanders in honor of Bobbie Jean Sanders  
Anonymous in honor of The Northminster Staff  
Tim and Becky Frame in honor of Andy, Anna, Sybil and Davis Frame  
Tim and Becky Frame in honor of John and Gayla Purvis  
Amy and George Williams in honor of Gayla and John Purvis

## PROCLAIMING THE LIGHT

The Gospel Luke 1:39-55 Scott Dickison

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

Anthem “Sans Day Carol” Rutter

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:  
And Mary bore Jesus our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:  
And Mary bore Jesus our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!

The Sermon “From Generation to Generation” Scott Dickison

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Go forth to carry God’s love—as Mary did.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 171 *MENDELSSOHN*

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Swiss Noel” Daquin

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Micah 5:2-5a, pages 756-757  
Psalm 80:1-7, pages 470-471  
Luke 1:39-55, pages 831-832

**Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent**, the beginning season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ and of anticipation of the fullness of the kingdom of God. The color purple reflects the Advent themes of preparation and restoration.

**The Advent Wreath** marks the four Sundays of Advent with the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love surrounding the Christ candle. The ever-green wreath symbolizes the never-ending love of God, and the flickering candlelight dispels the darkness as we are reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World.

**The Advent Banner, *Highway Through the Desert***, marks the beginning of the season. The shapes remind us of the unfolding of new life and the flowing of God's spirit among God's people. It is a visual symbol of Emmanuel's coming to earth as told in the book of Isaiah. The prophet foretold the birth of a leader who would cause great changes. On the horizon is a dawning. The banner reminds us of Isaiah 40:3-5:

A voice is calling, "Clear the way of the Lord in the wilderness. Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill made low; and the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Fletcher Ray III  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Waugh Crigler  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Mrs. Joanne Tuescheck  
Jean Welsh in memory of Pat Welsh  
Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey in memory of Barry Burleigh Aden  
Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey in memory of Robert Joseph Mahaffey, Sr.  
Carol Taff and family in memory of Cavett Taff  
Dolores S. Taylor in memory of Dr. John Lee Taylor

## POINSETTIAS

*Lovingly given by*

Jo Ann S. Welch in honor of Karen Gilder  
Jo Ann S. Welch in honor of David Gilder  
Jo Ann S. Welch in honor of Laurel Gilder Welch  
M'lee and Kelley Williams in honor of Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams  
M'lee Williams in honor of Kelley Williams, Jr.  
Gray Jackson in honor of Carolyn Aden  
Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey in honor of Ann and Gerry Lauman  
Gray Jackson in honor of Tim Coker, Sheila Hess and The Northminster Choir  
Silas and Leesa Crim McCharen in honor of Andrew and Meg Lake  
Silas and Leesa Crim McCharen in honor of Pete and Sarah Lloyd Stevenson  
Elizabeth and Stewart Boone in honor of Suzanne Boone  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Judy and Guy Parker  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Bob and Anne Blackmon  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Julia and Mary Lynn Parker  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Anne McCaslin, Parker, Phinn, Sayle and Eloise  
Becky and Guy Parker in honor of Shari and Mark Culver  
Anne Brawley in honor of Monica Daniels  
Anne Brawley in honor of Rose Daniels  
John and Gayla Purvis in honor of The Frame family—Andy, Anna, Sybil and Davis  
John and Gayla Purvis in honor of The Alex Purvis family—Alex, Mary, Cate and Jack  
John and Gayla Purvis in honor of Spencer and Ryder Purvis  
Tim and Cheryl Coker in honor of The Northminster Choir  
Tim and Cheryl Coker in honor of The Northminster Staff  
Tim and Cheryl Coker in honor of Michael, Chrissy, Maren and John Hrivnak  
Tim and Cheryl Coker in honor of JJ and Shannon Coker  
Tim and Cheryl Coker in honor of Philip, Carrie, Kimberly and Bailey Blount  
The Geary family in honor of Shirley Geary  
The Choir in honor of Tim Coker and Sheila Hess  
The Choir in honor of Larry and Sara Cox  
Madeleine and Mary Gilbert Wylie in honor of our grandparents, Rush and Kathy Miller

Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Catherine "Sissy" Buford Fenoglio  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Clementine and Henry Brown  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of JH and Norine Thames  
Suzan and Tommy Thames in memory of Lillian Norine Shaul  
Shirley Geary in memory of Jack Geary  
Blakely, Luke and Will Fender in memory of Ron Fender  
Lottie Boggan in memory of Linda Gayle Boggan  
Lottie Boggan in memory of Dr. Willard Boggan  
Lottie Boggan in memory of Brent Riddell  
Lottie Boggan in memory of Lindsey Boggan  
Lottie Boggan in memory of Patricia Cummings  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Merle and Lawrence Crumpton  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Gayle Crumpton  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Louis and Dorothy Smith  
Randall and Brenda Smith in memory of Felicita and Jason Smith  
The Bass family in memory of Robert Bowman, Mary Rowland, Kelly and  
David Bass  
Mike and Tonia Peters in memory of Anne Peters  
Mike and Tonia Peters in memory of Taylor McMullan Williams  
Mike and Tonia Peters in memory of Paul Ballard  
Bob and Laine Hardin in memory of Ashley Stack  
Bob and Laine Hardin in memory of James E. Hardin and Dr. Bill Hardin  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of J. Clifford and  
Martha Watson  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of Kyra Robertson Watson  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Behm  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Cohen  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robertson  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of Tracey R. Cohen  
Kyle, Kim, George and Wesley Watson in memory of Janice Tyre  
Northminster friends in memory of Charles Bacon  
Samuel Sanders in memory of Bill Sanders  
Samuel Sanders in memory of Jim Sanders  
Samuel Sanders in memory of Robert Sanders  
Samuel Sanders in memory of Peggy Yawn  
Samuel Sanders in memory of Eugene Allen  
Valerie Linn in memory of Anita Gowin  
Luke Warren, Jake and Jean Warren, Matt and Melissa Warren in memory of  
Jim Warren  
Amy and George Williams in memory of Beth Breland  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Julius Ridgway  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Mary Ashley Hall  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ray  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Bobby Ray  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Bill Ray  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Margaret Phillips  
Mary Jane Ridgway in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Ray, Sr.

Sabbath Poem VI, 1987  
by Wendell Berry

Remembering that it happened once,  
We cannot turn away the thought,  
As we go out, cold, to our barns  
Toward the long night's end, that we  
Ourselves are living in the world  
It happened in when it first happened,  
That we ourselves, opening a stall  
(A latch thrown open countless times  
Before), might find them breathing there,  
Foreknown: the Child bedded in straw,  
The mother kneeling over Him,  
The husband standing in belief  
He scarcely can believe, in light  
That lights them from no source we see,  
An April morning's light, the air  
Around them joyful as a choir.  
We stand with one hand on the door,  
Looking into another world  
That is this world, the pale daylight  
Coming just as before, our chores  
To do, the cattle all awake,  
Our own white frozen breath hanging  
In front of us; and we are here  
As we have never been before,  
Sighted as not before, our place  
Holy, although we knew it not.

————— 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**

Kathy Miller is 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.

**Brumfield House**

December 26:	Jeff Wilson
January 2:	Scott Wilson
January 9:	Jeff Wilson
January 16:	Deacons

**Meals on Wheels**

Monday, December 23

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Ann Calhoon	Susan & Charles O'Mara
Kelly Hicks	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Gail England	Steve Bass

Meals on Wheels needs one cook and two drivers for Mondays. If you are interested, please call Peggy Brady (cook) at 601-201-6242 or Steve Bass (drive) at 601-209-2436.

**POINSETTIAS**

*Lovingly given by*

Jo Ann S. Welch in memory of Walter Scott "Scotty" Welch III  
Cindy and Jeff Wilson in memory of Inez and Dudley Wilson  
Cindy and Jeff Wilson in memory of Dorothy and Kinton Polk  
Susie Friou in memory of Roger P. Friou, Jr.  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parke Street  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bishop Street, Sr.  
Susie Friou in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Friou, Sr.  
Suzanne Boone in memory of Bill Boone  
The Devere McLennan family in memory of Josephine Cunningham Mims,  
Troye Lloyd Mims, Elizabeth DeMilly McLennan and  
James Alan McLennan  
Amanda Milam and Sherry Milam in memory of Dr. John B. Milam  
Amanda Milam and Sherry Milam in memory of Lynn Milam Granberry  
Amanda Milam and Sherry Milam in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John T. Milam  
Amanda Milam and Sherry Milam in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards  
Susan Phillips and Nancy Smith in memory of Jo Ann Ratliff  
Gray Jackson III and Dabbs, Jeffery, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and  
Rhodes Massey in memory of Eda and Gray Jackson  
Gray Jackson in memory of Wayne and Zeita Parker  
Gray Jackson in memory of Jo Ann Ratliff  
Silas and Leesa Crim McCharen in memory of Bill and Sallie Lloyd Crim  
Silas and Leesa Crim McCharen in memory of Bill and Chloe Lloyd  
Silas and Leesa Crim McCharen in memory of Dick and JoAnne Lloyd Mills  
Elizabeth and Stewart Boone in memory of Bill Boone  
Sheila and Bill Nicholas in memory of Dr. Richard Blount  
Sheila and Bill Nicholas in memory of Leland Speed  
Sheila and Bill Nicholas in memory of Dr. Jim Martin  
Sheila and Bill Nicholas in memory of Jack Cochran  
Sheila and Bill Nicholas in memory of Jack Geary  
Mary Elizabeth Smith in memory of J. George Smith  
Anne Brawley in memory of Callie Daniels  
Anne Brawley in memory of Steve Chester  
Anne Brawley in memory of Virgil Brawley  
John and Janet Clark in memory of Jim and Mary Hendrick  
John and Janet Clark in memory of John S. and Mamie Clark  
John and Janet Clark in memory of Ethan Clark  
John and Janet Clark in memory of Larry Clark  
John and Gayla Purvis in memory of George and Jan Purvis  
John and Gayla Purvis in memory of Richard and Ruth Ballard  
Billy and Annette Trotter in memory of Tom and Maurice Gregory  
Billy and Annette Trotter in memory of Rosemary Harrison  
Billy and Annette Trotter in memory of Jack McDaniel  
Carolyn and John S. McIntyre, Jr. in memory of Anne McIntyre Black and  
John S. McIntyre  
Carolyn and John S. McIntyre, Jr. in memory of Elizabeth and W.R. Newman  
Ramsey and Brian, Ann Arrington, Carter, and Cruise Long in memory of  
Ann Arrington Cruise

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

- December 22: Firecrackers—TBA  
Sparklers—Anne & Parker Snow
- December 29: Firecrackers—Kelly & Josh Guyton  
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

### **The Living Nativity**

Children in the 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.

On December 24, we will meet in the Great Hall at 4:30 to put on costumes and have a final practice.

We look forward to our children leading us in worship on Christmas Eve!

### **Parents' Night Out**

Friday, January 10, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant—sixth grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, January 8. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper. We will also have Parents' Night Out on February 7, March 28 and May 9.

### **Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Resume Sunday, January 12 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Children's Birthday Gathering**

Thursday, January 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

### **The Season of Advent**

The Worship and Music Committee offers The Season of Advent 2024 devotional guide as a gift to our congregation. We hope that the creative expressions and offerings by members and friends will encourage and enhance moments of individual worship throughout this season of expectant waiting. Copies are available throughout the church for you to take and share.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.  
Pre-service music begins at 5:00 p.m.  
Childcare will be available.

### **New Year's Eve Reflection and Communion**

Tuesday, December 31  
6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open for one hour on New Year's Eve for a time of quiet reflection and guided meditation. Communion will be served to those who wish to partake.

### **Holiday Hours**

The church office will be closed  
Tuesday, December 24,  
Wednesday, December 25 and  
Wednesday, January 1.

For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

### **Baptism of the Lord Vesper Service**

Sunday, January 12  
5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you are interested in receiving baptism at this service, please contact one of the pastors.

## **Northminster Women's Retreat 2025**

Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center – Raymond, MS

### **The Soil of Sorrow**

To know loss and sorrow is to be human, and to be human is to seek community and love. On this year's retreat, we will explore how we support ourselves and others through sorrow and loss, and how we deepen our connections with one another as we till the soil of sorrow to see what might bloom there. We'll share song and stories by the fire, participate in art and writing, and engage in embodied activity. As is our women's retreat way, we'll laugh and play games and have lots of good snacks, too!

Cost: \$225 per person; \$300 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

Questions? Contact Lesley Ratcliff at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-927-0259.

### **Northminster Essentials**

Sunday, January 19 through Sunday, March 2

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

### **Adult Studies**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

#### **Living the Story: A History of the Liturgical Calendar**

The Christian Year, also known as the Liturgical Calendar, shapes the common life of congregations across the globe, helping us to keep time by the story of our faith. Yet, like so much of Christian theology and practice, this calendar developed over a number of years and comes to us as a synthesis of traditions that emerged all across the Christian world. Over these two weeks, we will take a closer look at the development of the two major "cycles" that anchor our year, discussing how and why they formed and where we might find meaning within them.

January 19: The Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Cycle

January 26: The Lent, Easter, and Pentecost Cycle

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Youth Sunday School**

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

### **Twelfth-Night Bonfire**

January 5 at 4:15 p.m. If you have a tree that you are throwing out and we can use it for the Bonfire please contact Dabbs at 601-668-2554. We will need 8-10 trees. At the bonfire we will focus our attention on what we would leave behind in this new year and what we would take with us. We'll have supper and s'mores! Meet at the youth house at 4:15 to caravan to the bonfire in Flowood. All college students who are home for Christmas, and any former youth who are town, are welcome and encouraged to join us.

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House**

We will start back at 5:00 p.m. on January 12 for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

### **Stewpot**

Saturday, February 1 at 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 Sunday/Dessert Auction**

February 9. Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips.