

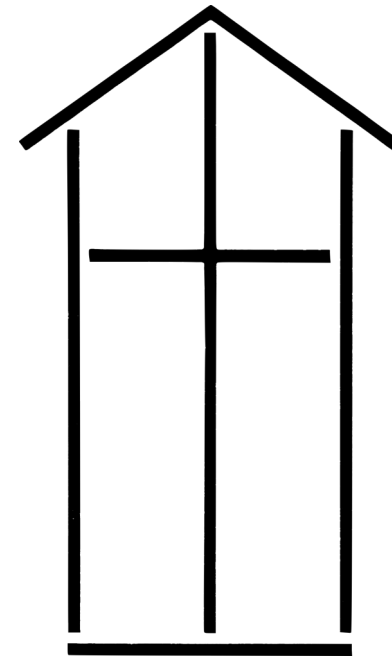
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Holly Wiggs.
The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Jean Welsh.
The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.
The Liturgist for February is Elizabeth Quinn.
The flowers for February are provided by Kathryn Davis,
Jill Buckley, Becky Frame and Kathryn Sams.
The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

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
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
Interim Youth Coordinator	Dabbs Massey
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Some people care too much. I think it's called love.

—A. A. Milne
Winnie-the-Pooh

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025
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

It is in community that we come to see God in the other. It is in community that we see our own emptiness filled up. It is community that calls me beyond the pinched horizons of my own life, my own country, my own race, and gives me the gifts I do not have within me.

—Sister Joan Chittister

The Prelude	“The God of Abraham Praise”	Held
The Call to Worship	“This Still Room”	Davenport
And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room, For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control. The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs, And from the silence multiplied by these still forms on either side, The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.		

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

*The Litany of Praise	Kirk Sims
Leader:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Leader:	How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
People:	My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, February 2

9:15 a.m. NM Essentials, L/CR
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m. Committee Chairs Luncheon, GH
3:30 p.m. Guys' Scavenger Hunt
5:00 p.m. Supper, GH
5:30 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
5:30 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Vesper Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 3

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

Saturday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Deacons' Retreat

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. NM Essentials, L/CR
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Youth Sunday
11:30 a.m. Lunch & Dessert Auction, GH

Guys' Scavenger Hunt

Today, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

First through sixth graders are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and a snack today. We'll meet at the children's area to start the hunts. Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 7, 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, February 5. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper. We will also have Parents' Night Out on March 28 and May 9.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Thursday, February 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Leader: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young at your altars.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

People: Happy are those whose strength is in you,

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

—Psalm 84, adapted

*The Gloria Patri

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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

Kirk Sims

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Jeremiah 1:4-10
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

I need a place to confess that I don't have everything figured out. Christianity is not a program for avoiding mistakes; it is a faith of the guilty. There is no "right" or perfect way to be. We learn from our mistakes; we extend grace to others and ourselves.

—Nadia Bolz-Weber

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Marty Harper

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

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. 768 *DOVE OF PEACE*
"I Come with Joy"

*The Offertory Prayer Kirk Sims

The Offertory "Amazing Grace" 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 Luke 4:21-30 Lesley Ratcliff

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

The Anthem "O Love" Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow
that richer, fuller be.

Stewminster Basketball

Seventh and eighth grade boys from Northminster and Stewpot will meet to play basketball at Madison Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday in February.

Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction

Sunday, February 9

Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, contact Jill Buckley at 601-622-0335 or jbuckley@stewpot.org.

\$8 for Adults, \$5 per child, \$25 max per family
No reservation required

Save the Dates

Spring Break Trip: March 8—12
Passport: June 21—27

More information to follow.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

February 2: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson

February 9: Firecrackers—Lucia & Samuel McCoy
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Supper + Vespers

5:00 p.m. Supper and 5:30 p.m. Vespers
Tonight, March 2 and April 6

We are trying something new this year. We will have an intergenerational meal at 5:00, and then at 5:30 the children and youth will go to their regular Sunday evening activities, while the adults will move to the Sanctuary for a service of evening prayer. These services will have simple liturgy, music, and the reverential worship that is a hallmark of Northminster.

Our first Supper + Vespers will be tonight, and we hope you will join us!

Wednesday Night Supper

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

Menu:

Lasagna casserole, spinach sauté, Caesar salad, rolls and cake

Children's Menu: same

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Cade Montague,
Gloria Montgomery & Amy Moremen
Cashier: George Luter

———— 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

Join us at 5:30 tonight for games, fellowship and a lesson.

The Sermon

“The Way of Love”

Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

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—Worshipers will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, and return to the pews by an 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—Worshipers 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

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

—St. Augustine of Hippo

*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 *GIFT OF LOVE*
“The Gift of Love”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Marcello

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10, pages 609-610
I Corinthians 13:1-13, page 934
Luke 4:21-30, pages 835-836

Today is the fourth Sunday after Epiphany in Ordinary Time. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Also known as “Growing Time,” the liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

————— 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 Nancy Smith and Susan Pratt on the death of their sister, Jean Smith Vaughn.

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

February 6:	Joe Sims
February 13:	Mike Peters
February 20:	Deacons
February 27:	Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Monday, February 3

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Becky Wooley	Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Polly Bourne	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Jim Blackwood	Keith Davis & Steve Bass