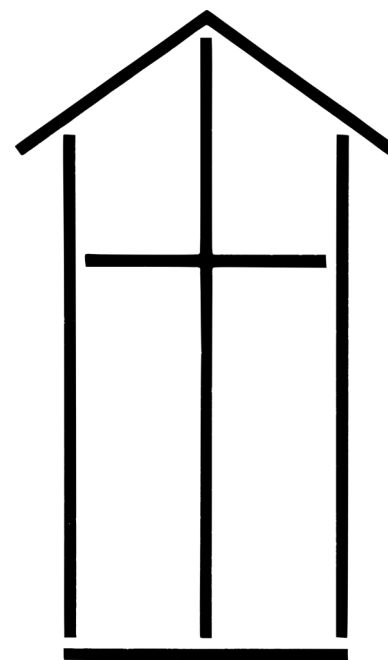


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Justin Beard.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver of the Week is Faye Barham.
The Liturgist for January is Amanda Milam.
The flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and
Jane Claire Williams.
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,”
says the Lord God Almighty.

—Zechariah 4:6

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 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

The yawning oven spits forth fiery spears;
Red aspid tongues shout wordlessly my name.
Desire destroys, consumes my mortal fears,
Transforming me into a shape of flame.
I will come out, back to your world of tears,
A stronger soul within a finer frame.

—Claude McKay, from “Baptism”

The Prelude “Creator of the Stars of Night” Held

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. 108 *MADRID*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*The Litany of Praise Derrick Burt

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

People: The Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Youth Committee, YH

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

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

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

6:00 p.m. Sixth Grade Mentors Parents' Meeting,
L/CR

Wednesday, January 15

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

8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Elementary Service Day & Preschool Play Date

Monday, January 20, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Children in first through sixth grade are invited to join in a service day in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will meet in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. to put together Blessing Bags. At 10:00 a.m., we will drive to the Resource Center to deliver the bags and learn more about the work of the Resource Center from Northminster members who volunteer there. We will return to Northminster around 11:00 a.m. to join the preschoolers for a play date.

Children in kindergarten and under are invited to gather in the Great Hall at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and a bounce house. We will wrap up around 1:00 p.m.

Girls' and Guys' Scavenger Hunts

Girls—Sunday, January 26, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Guys—Sunday, February 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

First through sixth graders are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and a snack on their respective dates. 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.

People: The Lord sits enthroned as God forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to God's people; may the Lord bless God's people with peace!

—Psalm 29, 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 Derrick Burt

The Greeting Marty Harper

The Lessons Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17 Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God never deserts the soul, but abides there in bliss forever.

—Julian of Norwich

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. 532 *SLANE*

“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Offertory Prayer

Derrick Burt

The Offertory “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Manz

*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 3:15-17, 21-22

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“He Comes to Us”

Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: “Follow thou me!”
And sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

Chorale:

Morning Star, how fair and bright. Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly.

Thou Root of Jesse, David’s Son, My Lord and Master, Thou has won
My heart to serve Thee solely!

Thou art holy, Fair and glorious, all victorious, Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o’er all possessing.

The Sermon

“Through the Waters”

Lesley Ratcliff

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 de-

———— 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 start back at 5:00 p.m. today for supper, 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

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.

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

- February 12: Firecrackers—Olivia & Keith Studdard
Sparklers—Miles & David Munn
- February 19: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Resume today at 5:00 p.m.

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 or
601-927-0259.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 15
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: Chicken Monterey (sliced ham, melted jack cheese), hashbrown
casserole, asparagus, garden salad, rolls, tres leche cake and iced tea

Children's Menu: shredded chicken Monterey taco, cheese,
salsa chips, veggie sticks, tres leche cake

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Jennifer Carter, Judy & Joe Rankin
Cashier: George Luter

nomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community,
please come forward at this point in the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity a human face,
And Love, the human form divine,
And Peace, the human dress.

—William Blake
from "The Divine Image"

*The Recessional Hymn No. 710 *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude "Jubilate" Jordan

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 43:1-7, pages 585-586

Acts 8:14-17, page 892

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, page 834

Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday, the day when believers through-
out the world remember and ponder the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
River. The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord Sunday is white.

————— **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.

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

January 16:	Holly Wiggs
January 23:	Skipper Jernigan
January 30:	Kirk Sims
February 6:	Bo Allen

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, January 15

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Leah Hendrix	Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Shari Culver	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Carolyn McIntyre	Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin

————— **ANNOUNCEMENTS** —————

Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 19, through Sunday, March 2
9:15—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 Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Adult Studies

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

January 19: The Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Cycle
January 26: The Lent, Easter, and Pentecost Cycle

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.

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!