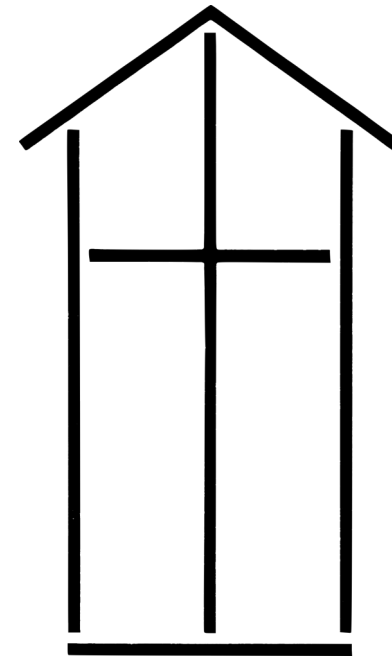


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dudley Wooley.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver of the Week is Sunny Fowler.
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

He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy;
He who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

—William Blake, "Eternity"

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 19, 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

I abandon myself to joy—I laugh—I sing.
Too long have I walked a desolate way,
Too long stumbled down a maze Bewildered.

—Clarissa Scott Delaney, from “Joy”

The Prelude “Like a River Glorious” Pethel

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. 20 *ODE TO JOY*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*The Litany of Praise Cole Mahaffey

Leader: God has made this day.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

All: God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness, be praised in all the earth.

—Ruth C. Duck, from Psalm 118:24

*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 CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 19

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

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day

11:00 a.m. Children’s Play Date, GH

Tuesday, January 21

4:00 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, January 22

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, January 24

Women leave for retreat

Sunday, January 26

Women return from retreat

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

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

3:30 p.m. Girls’ Scavenger Hunt

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:00 p.m.

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.

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.

*The Prayer of Invocation Cole Mahaffey

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 36:5-10 Lesley Ratcliff
I Corinthians 12:1-11

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Joy always,
Joy everywhere—
Let joy kill you!
Keep away from the little deaths.

—Carl Sandburg, from "Joy"

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. 514 *ASSURANCE*
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

*The Offertory Prayer Cole Mahaffey

The Offertory "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Trotter

*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 2:1-11 Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem “Good News Celebration!” Wood

Share the Good News Celebration! Sing His praises joyfully.
Share with ev’ry tribe and nation, Christ has come and set us free.
Sing and praise Him! Worthy of our praise is He.
Alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully!

Witness now with expectation; Share the Gospel far and near.
Tell of Christ and His salvation; Spread the news that all may hear.
Share the Good News Celebration! Share the news of God’s design.
Let us sing with jubilation! We are branches, He’s the vine.
O sing and praise Him! Alleluia, praise the Lord!

The Sermon “The Abundance of Your House” 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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

When I met Christ, I felt that I had swallowed sunshine.

—E. Stanley Jones

*The Recessional Hymn No. 22 *ST. THOMAS*
“Come, We That Love the Lord”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

Stewminster Basketball

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

Stewpot

Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Northminster Youth will be preparing and serving lunch at Stewpot on Saturday, February 1. **We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and travel to Stewpot, where we will prep and cook the food on site.** If you need to arrive late, please contact Jill at 601-622-0335 for arrangements. The youth will be grabbing lunch together afterwards and plan to be back at the church **2:00 p.m.**

Any questions? Please call or text Jill at the number above.

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.

Save the Dates:

Spring Break Trip: March 8—12

Passport: June 21—27

More information to follow.

CHILDREN’S NEWS

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

January 19: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

January 26: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton

Northminster Women's Retreat 2025

Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26
Eagle Ridge Conference Center – Raymond, MS

The Soil of Sorrow

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!

While the deadline has passed, if you would still like to attend, please contact Lesley at 601-927-0259 or lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Join us for the Northminster Youth Luncheon and Dessert Auction

Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall
\$8 for Adults, \$5 per child, \$25 max per family
No reservation required

Lunch & Learn with Felder Rushing

Tuesday, February 25
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$10.00

He will share his gardening and landscaping expertise and how he achieved it.

RSVP by February 21 to
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703

———— 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 meet at 5:00 tonight for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

*The Postlude

“Tuba Tune”

Lang

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 36:5-10, page 443
I Corinthians 12:1-11, page 933
John 2:1-11, page 863

Today is the Second 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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

- I. Recommendation from Search Committee for Associate Pastor for Senior Adults:
Marty Harper
- II. Election of Members to Committee on Committees:
Deacon Nominees:
Doug Boone
Anna Frame
Matt Thames

Additional nominations may be made at the time of the meeting; however, please do so only after securing the nominee's commitment to serve if elected.

————— 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.

The Caregiving meeting for Monday, January 20 has been cancelled due to the possibility of inclement weather.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

January 23:	Skipper Jernigan
January 30:	Kirk Sims
February 6:	Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Monday, January 27

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Cathy Davis	Jean & Kelley Williams
Polly Watkins	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Jean Welsh	Cathy & Jeff Davis

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Northminster Essentials

Today 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

Today: 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.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: pasta with Boursin & roasted tomato, broccoli, Caesar salad, crusty Italian bread and cake

Children's Menu: pasta with meat sauce, veggie sticks and cake

Servers: Gloria Montgomery, Cindy & Bill Reed and Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter