

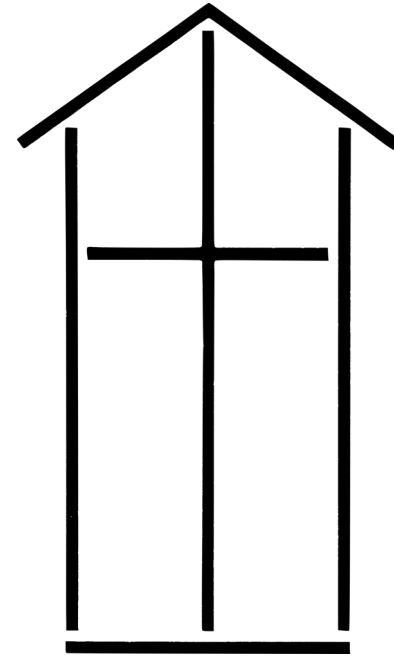
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Trey Clark.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Jean Welsh.
The Caregiver of the Week is Nancy Studdard.
The Liturgist for January is Amanda Milam.
The Liturgist for February is Elizabeth Quinn.
The flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and
Jane Claire Williams.
The flowers for February are provided by Kathryn Davis,
Jill Buckley, Becky Frame and Kathryn Sams.
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.
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
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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

You're right – “the way *is* narrow”
And “difficult the Gate” -
And “few there be” - Correct again -
That “enter in - thereat” –

—Emily Dickinson

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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

Peace! Peace!
To be rocked by the Infinite!
As if it didn't matter
which way was home;
as if he didn't know
he loved the earth so much
he wanted to stay forever.

—Stanley Kunitz

The Prelude “In Christ There Is No East or West” Wood

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. 77 *LOBE DEN HERREN*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

6:00 p.m. Adopt-A-School Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, January 28

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

5:30 p.m. Finance Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, January 29

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

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Youth Stewpot, meet at NM

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

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

- January 26: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
- February 2: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson
- February 9: Firecrackers—Lucia & Samuel McCoy
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

Girls’ and Guys’ Scavenger Hunts

Girls—Today, 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.

- Leader: Earth’s children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- People: **We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.**
- All: **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!**

—Ruth C. Duck
from Psalm 36

*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 Cathy Davis

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Lessons Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
I Corinthians 12:12-31a Scott Dickison

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Yet dearly I love you, and would be loved fain,
But am betrothed unto your enemy:
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

—John Donne
“Holy Sonnet 14”

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon Scott Dickison

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Scott Dickison

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. 708 *DENNIS*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*The Offertory Prayer Cathy Davis

The Offertory “All Things Bright and Beautiful” 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 4:14-21 Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem “How Lovely Are the Messengers” Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

The Sermon “One Body, One Church” Scott Dickison

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

Join us at 5:00 tonight for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

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 prepare and serve 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 having lunch together afterwards and plan to be back at the church by **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.

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 29
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: pot roast with new potatoes, carrots & pearl onions, green beans, garden salad, corn bread and banana pudding

Children's Menu: same

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Amy Moremen, Dawn Perkins & Gayla Purvis
Cashier: George Luter

Supper + Vespers

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

This Spring, we are trying something new for a few Sunday evenings. 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, and 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 on February 2, and we hope you will join us!

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

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

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

—Martin Luther

*The Recessional Hymn No. 578 *BEACH SPRING*

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

*The Postlude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Bobo*

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, pages 379- 380

I Corinthians 12:12-31a, pages 933-934

Luke 4:14-21, page 835

Today is the third 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

Today
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.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Northminster is saddened by the death of Betty Jackson, a member of
Northminster since 2010. Christian sympathy is extended to Ted Jack-
son, Tim Hughes and all of Betty's family and friends.

Christian sympathy is extended to Joe and Tricia Scott on the death of
Joe's brother Don B. Scott, and sister-in-law Elizabeth Carter Scott.

Bobbie Jean Sanders is hospitalized at Wisteria Gardens Rehab.

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 con-
cern 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 Care-
giving Committee.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

January 30: Kirk Sims

February 6: Joe Sims

February 13: Mike Peters

February 20: Deacons

Meals on Wheels

Monday, January 27

Cooks:

Cathy Davis

Polly Watkins

Jean Welsh

Rt. 1 Drivers:

Jean & Kelley Williams

Rt. 2 Drivers:

Cathy & Jeff Davis

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Adult Studies

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Tonight: 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