

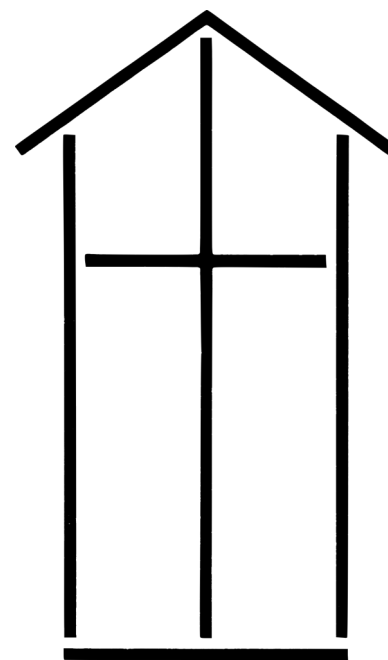
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mike Peters.
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
Financial Secretary	Sam South
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin
than about courageously and actively doing God's will.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 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

In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after truth.

—Mahatma Gandhi

The Prelude “Adagio” Widor

The Call to Worship “Christ Is the World’s Light” Coker

Christ is the world’s light. Christ whom we adore; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father. Glory to God on high! Amen.

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 *NICAEA*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*The Litany of Praise Leah Hendrix

Leader: Blessed are we standing in the hallway between closed doors and ones still to come,

People: between the old and the new, the worn in and the doesn’t-quite-yet-fit, between who we were and who we might become.

Leader: God, make it remotely possible to grow and change, to become open to new adventures and untethered to routine.

People: Blessed are we who take a minute to look over our shoulder at all we learned from what was.

Leader: Blessed are we who trust this timing and who open our hearts anew to change, to new friends, to hope.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. NM 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

Monday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 19

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, February 23

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. NM Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Children’s Ministries Lunch, GH
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Children's Birthday Gathering

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

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, March 28, 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, March 26. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper. We will also have Parents' Night Out on May 9.

People: Blessed are we, turning our eyes ahead toward a new path not yet mapped.

Leader: God, give us courage to take this next step, and enough for the one after that, too.

All: In our leaving, in our arriving, in our changes—
expected or shocking— surprise us with who we
might become. Amen.

—Kate Bowler, 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

Leah Hendrix

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jeremiah 17:5-10
I Corinthians 15:12-20

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

We plant seeds that will flower as results in our lives, so best to remove the weeds of anger, avarice, envy, and doubt, that peace and abundance may manifest for all.

—Dorothy Day

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 *BEACH SPRING*

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

(See insert.)

*The Offertory Prayer Leah Hendrix

The Offertory “Ah, Leave with Us Thy Grace” Karg-Elert

*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 6:17-26 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “My Eternal King” Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav’n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee
well?

Not for the hope of winning heav’n or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught; not seeking a reward;
But as Thy self hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

E’en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

The Sermon “You’re in the Right Space” 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 sis-

Spring Break Trip to Fort Morgan, AL

March 8-12

Cost: \$250

To sign up please email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org and pay the \$50 deposit online or in the church office. Limited space is available. The deadline to sign up is Friday, February 21.

CHILDREN’S NEWS

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

February 16: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff

February 23: Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway
Sparklers—Jennifer & Drew Rymer

Children’s Ministries Luncheon

Sunday, February 23

Immediately following worship

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children’s Ministries the way we do Children’s Ministries at Northminster, talk about upcoming Children’s Ministries activities, and share our gratitude for those who lead our children in Sunday School and Sunday night activities. Children and their families, and all children’s department teachers and their families are invited, but anyone who would like to learn more about Children’s Ministries is welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Lesley Ratcliff, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703 by February 16.

Save the date!

Lunch & Learn with Hunter Evans, Executive Chef at The Mayflower

Tuesday, March 25
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

All are invited to a reception celebrating

Reverend Marty Harper
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults

Sunday, March 2
immediately following worship
in the Great Hall

Supper + Vespers

5:00 p.m. Supper and 5:30 p.m. Vespers
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.

————— **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 today at 5:00 p.m. for games, fellowship and a lesson.

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.

ter 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

Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit to the common good. That is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.

—Pope John Paul II

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 *ANGEL'S STORY*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

*The Postlude “All Glory Be to God on High” *Manz*

**The congregation will please stand.*

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


Jeremiah 17:5-10, page 628
I Corinthians 15:12-20, pages 935-936
Luke 6:17-26, page 838


Today is the sixth 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

 Northminster is saddened by the death of R.W. McCarley, a member of Northminster since 2012. Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Grace McCarley, and David, Ryan, Madison, Adam and Liam McCarley.

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Eddie Foster, a member of Northminster since 2000. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Eddie's family and friends.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Tom Starling	Sue Edwards	Linda McGehee
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 20:	Deacons
February 27:	Bryan Bridges
March 6:	Bo Allen

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, February 19

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Missy Caver	Laine & Bob Hardin
Judy Rankin	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Sara Hays	Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Genesis Continued: The Family of God

Picking up where we left off in our fall study, we will continue to make our way through this foundational biblical text. Tracing the tree of the founding family of our faith—filled with scoundrels, saints, and everything in between—we will ask where we find ourselves in these stories and what it means to be a part of God's family. We will meet in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Today: Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar
February 23: The Binding of Isaac
March 16: Jacob and Esau, Leah and Rachel
March 23: Joseph and his Brothers

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, February 19
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu:
smoked pork, potato salad, baked beans,
cole slaw, corn bread and banana pudding
Servers: Amy Moremen, Judy & Joe Rankin and Sandi Rhoden
Cashier: George Luter

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, as well as stories about how he achieved this expertise.

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

Menu: chicken salad casserole, romaine salad with mandarin oranges & poppy seed salad dressing, rolls & strawberry cake

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Beth Hood, Cade Montague,
Gloria Montgomery, Amy Moremen & Sandi Rhoden
Cashier: George Luter