



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at God's word and taking the next step.

—Joni Erickson Tada

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\*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

Joe Rankin

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35  
II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Dear God, I kneel before you at this moment; please enlighten what is dark in me, mend what is broken in me, heal what is sick in me, and revive whatever peace and love that have died in me. This is my prayer for me, my family, my friends, my enemies, and even those who hate me. Amen.

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

Joe Rankin

The Offertory

“In This Moment of Remembrance”

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 9:28-43a

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Cross-Formed Life”  
Davan Sagara, *trumpet*

Coker

*Refrain*

*Shape us, O Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.*

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day,  
and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray.

*Refrain*

Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross  
and to take the weight and bear love’s unaccounted final cost.

*Refrain*

Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we and our acts and  
words of care trace the deal with loss pattern of your cross.

*Refrain*

Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire;  
so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir.

The Sermon

“Transfigurations”

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—Worshippers 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—Worshippers 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

God will meet you where you are in order to take you where  
God wants you to go.

—Tony Evans

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 539

HOUSTON

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”

Callahan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Exodus 34:29-35, pages 71-72

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2, page 939

Luke 9:28-43a, page 843

**Today is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**, recalling Christ’s appearance in glory to his disciples on the mountain top, at which time God affirmed Jesus as “beloved Son.” The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the glory of Christ.

## ———— 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

Congratulations to JP and Hailey Clark on the occasion of their marriage on Sunday, February 23, in his family’s home. Sharing in this celebration are his parents Don and Patty Clark, his brother Trey Clark, and Trey’s family—Amanda, Ford, Reynolds and John Carol.

### 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**

March 6:       Bo Allen  
March 13:      Jeff Wilson  
March 20:      Deacon  
March 27:      Mike Peters

### **Meals on Wheels**

Monday, March 3

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|--------------|------------------------|
| Cooks:       | Rt. 1 Drivers:         |
| Lisa Cobb    | Susan & Charles O'Mara |
| Annette Hitt | Rt. 2 Drivers:         |
| Kandy Sims   | Zina & Steve Bass      |

## ———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

All are invited to a reception celebrating

**Reverend Marty Harper**  
**Associate Pastor for Senior Adults**

today  
immediately following worship  
in the Great Hall

### **Supper + Vespers**

5:00 p.m. Supper and 5:30 p.m. Vespers  
Today and April 6

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 move to the Sanctuary for a Vespers Service. These services will have simple liturgy, music, and the reverential worship that is a hallmark of Northminster.

## **Ash Wednesday Supper and The Imposition of Ashes**

Ash Wednesday, March 5

The Imposition of Ashes

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Service in the sanctuary immediately after supper.

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

Menu: sour cream enchiladas, Spanish rice,  
black beans, salsa salad and cake

Servers: Cade Montague, Gloria Montgomery,  
Amy Moremen & Susan Phillips

Cashier: George Luter

### **A Lenten Offering**

The Worship and Music Committee offers *A Lenten Journey 2025* daily devotional guide for meditation and reflection during this season of Lent. We hope that the creative expressions and offerings by members and friends of Northminster will encourage and enhance your personal worship during this season of spiritual preparation. Copies are available throughout the church for you to take and share.

### **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.

March 16: Jacob and Esau, Leah and Rachel

March 23: Joseph and His Brothers

### **Around the Table**

Our faith teaches us that miraculous and mysterious things are known to happen around a table, especially when it's filled with food and drink. Tables have a way of breaking down walls and forcing us to see face to face, if not always eye to eye. Tables draw us in, creating holy space between us, or perhaps reminding us that the space between us is always holy and not nearly as vast as we may believe. The gospels tell us it was around a table filled with food that Jesus spent much of his ministry, re-

minding people not simply of God's nearness but also of their neighbors'. It was around a table that Jesus spent the last night he had with his friends, telling them to remember him whenever they shared a meal. And of all the biblical images available to him to describe life in the world to come, a table filled with rich food and drink where all the people of the earth would gather and celebrate was Jesus's favorite.

Mindful of these things, this Lent our congregation will gather around a table and watch what the presence of Christ there with us will reveal. Or rather, we'll gather around many different tables—perhaps even your table!

Introducing "Around the Table," a congregational supper club of sorts. Over three Saturday evenings this spring, members of our congregation will host a potluck dinner party for 3-4 other families and individuals from within the church (8-12 people total).

- The pairings will be assigned with an eye toward bringing people together from across the many different groups and ministries within the church. We'll gather in each other's homes, eat each other's food, learn more about what has brought each of us to this place, and hopefully learn more about what binds us together as a people.

- Accommodations will be made for folks with dietary restrictions or transportation needs.

- Childcare will be available at the church. We want to remove as many barriers as possible, so please contact Lesley with any concerns.

If you'd like to host an Around the Table meal in your home on March 22, March 29, or April 12, please contact Lesley Ratcliff at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703.

Signups to attend Around the Table are coming soon.

## ———— 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 in the Great Hall with the adults and children. After dinner we will move to the Youth House for fellowship and fun.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Spring Break Trip: March 8-12

No Youth Group March 9

Stewpot: Saturday, April 5

No Youth Group April 20

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 4

End of Year Party: Sunday, May 4

Youth Passport Camp: June 21-27

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## **CHILDREN'S NEWS**

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### **Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Tonight at 5:30 p.m.

### **Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- March 2: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Kathryn &  
Bo Allen  
Firecrackers—TBA  
Sparklers—Amy & Jacob Moremen
- March 9: Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance  
Sparklers—TBA

### **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.

## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, March 2**

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Reception for Marty Harper, GH
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Min. Cmte., NCC
- 5:00 p.m. Supper, GH
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers Service, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:30 p.m. Youth, YH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, March 3**

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:30 p.m. Special Gifts Cmte., L/CR

### **Tuesday, March 4**

- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies Cmte., GH
- 5:30 p.m. Building Maint. Cmte., L/CR

### **Wednesday, March 5**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service,  
Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, March 8**

Youth leave for spring break trip

### **Sunday, March 9**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.  
The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for March are Faye Barham and  
Kathryn Davis.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Kathryn Davis.  
The Liturgist for March is Joe Rankin.  
The flowers for March are provided by Lawana McLennan,  
Lesley Mosby, Geri Smith, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.  
The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

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                 |
| Receptionist/Secretary                   | Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley |
| Sexton                                   | Lamenais Simeon           |

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