

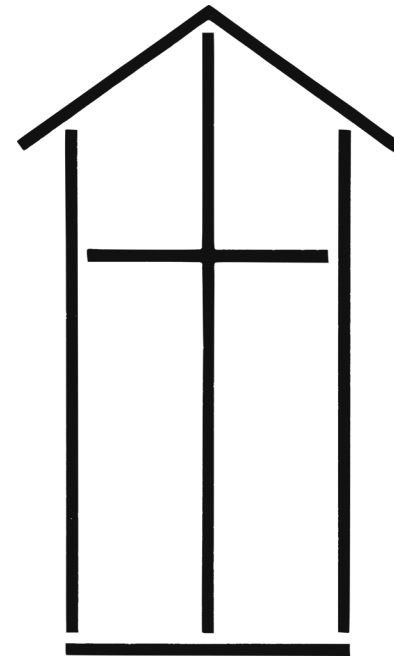
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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 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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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(open prayers)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Your light is not overcome by darkness. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(open prayers)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Your grace has appeared, bringing salvation to all. We pray for the church in all places, that we may reflect your faithful love.

(open prayers)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You delight in all that is good and right and true. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(open prayers)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(open prayers)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God of light, your presence illumines even our darkest shadows. Gather today's sorrow and pleasure and remake them, in us, into generous hope, sober joy, tested faith, that our lives may be radiant with your love. In the example of Jesus, we pray for the advent of your reign, saying,

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Hymn No. 659 “An Evening Prayer”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give

**and though I am poor,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
**and though I am weak,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
**and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
**and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;
**and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
**and though the night is here,
today I believe.**

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;
**and though you be silent now,
today I believe.**

Silence is kept

Lord our God,
**in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

—Hosea 6

The Assurance of Pardon

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled with us through Christ.

—II Corinthians 5

**May the God of love
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Lessons

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the

Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Mediation "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Walker

The Gospel

Luke 17:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord,

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Meditation

Scott Dickison

The Musical Response

Dorsey/Coker

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

The Intercessions

Lesley Ratcliff

O God, you grant justice to your chosen ones, who cry to you day and night.

So we pray always, and do not lose heart.

God of mystery, the light of your love cannot be overcome by darkness. In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

You come to us and do not keep silence. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.