



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Every morn is the world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you --
A hope for me and a hope for you.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

—Susan Coolidge (1845-1905)

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah! Amen!

*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

Holly Wiggs

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

And that's what it's all about: God's love. God's unmerited, unqualified love, waiting for us. . . . God made us, made us in love, and that love will never falter. Wherever we are, whatever we do, God's love for us is there, firm, steadfast, forever, and shown us in the love that came to us in Jesus Christ, in whose resurrection we are all newly born and fully alive.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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 243 “Christ Is Alive!” *TRURO*
- *The Offertory Prayer Holly Wiggs
- The Offertory “Today God’s Only Begotten Son” Bach
- *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 24:1-12 Lesley Ratcliff
- Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
- The Anthem “Fanfare for Easter” Marshall
- Alleluia! Now is Christ risen from the dead
and is become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
Alleluia!
- The Sermon “What Easter Looks Like” 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.

Today is Easter Sunday, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season of Eastertide.

Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

————— **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

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Linda McGehee	Sue Edwards	
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 church office will be closed Monday, April 21. For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

April 24:	TBA
May 1:	Bryan Bridges
May 8:	Skipper Jernigan
May 15:	Holly Wiggs

Meals on Wheels

Monday, April 28

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Jean Welsh	Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Cathy Davis	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Polly Watkins	Keith Davis & Steve Bass

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Wednesday, April 23

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt near the gazebo at the north end of the campus.

Preschool and elementary aged children can bring their baskets and hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

Servers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague, Dawn Perkins, Judy & Joe Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, April 27, 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which centers on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. A reception in the courtyard follows the service. This service will conclude Adult Studies offerings for the spring.

Northminster Sunday School Class Focusing on Social and Moral Issues

A new Sunday School class is beginning at Northminster! Bob Boteler and Charles Parrott will be leading this class which will meet in Room 204 beginning April 27 at 9:15a.m. The purpose of this class is to create a space for discussion, through dialogue rather than debate, of social and moral issues. The goal of the class is to arrive at appropriate “hands and feet” responses, both for individuals and the church, based on the teachings of Christ. The class will seek to address these questions with curiosity, courage and compassion, realizing that at the heart of every social and moral issue there are persons seeking to determine the appropriate Christian response. If you have questions, please contact Bob Boteler at 601-618-1678.

————— 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

Will not meet tonight. Join us next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

Upcoming Dates

Senior Recognition: Sunday, May 4

End of Year Party: Sunday, May 4

Welcome Geoff!

We will have a cookout at the Youth House Sunday, May 18 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. to welcome Geoff and his wife Elizabeth. More information to come.

Passport

The youth group will travel to Passport Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC, June 21-27. Rising seventh graders can attend either

PassportKids or Passport Youth. The packet of information has been posted on the youth Group Me. If you need it sent directly to you, please reach out to Dabbs. The deadline has passed to sign up, but there are still spots available. The cost of \$450 is due by May 8. Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Scott Dickison.

————— **CHILDREN’S NEWS** —————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Will not meet tonight.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

- April 20: 8:00 a.m. Service:
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Nursery Workers
- April 20: 10:30 a.m. Service:
Firecrackers—Sandra & Rob Triplett
Sparklers—Blair Taff
- April 27: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen &
Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Amy & Matt Thames
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
- May 4: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

PassportKids! Camp Registration

Children who have completed third through sixth grades are invited to Passport Camp! We will be going to Berea College in Berea, KY, June 16-20.

If your child would like to attend, please contact lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, April 24, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Children who have birthdays in April are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 9, 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, May 7. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in memory of:

Mary and Jim Hendrick by Ann Hendrick

Ethan Clark by Ann Hendrick

Dr. John B. Milam by Sherry and Amanda Milam

Natie and Patsy Caraway by Lida and Gregg Caraway

Donald and Carolyn Patterson by Lida and Gregg Caraway

J. George Smith by his family

Ann Arrington Cruise by Ann Arrington, Carter, Cruise, Ramsey and
Brian Long

Inez and Dudley Wilson from Scott, Dana, Rhodes, Reeves, Kip,
Morgan, Lee, Stephanie and Shelby Wilson

Tom Starling by Dana and Scott Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Holder by Charles and Susan O'Mara

Mr. and Mrs. Junior O'Mara by Charles and Susan O'Mara

Dr. and Mrs. Bill O'Mara by Charles and Susan O'Mara

Barry Aden by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey

Robert Joseph Mahaffey by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and
Nicholas Mahaffey

Ethel Mae Crouch Jenkins by the Hedglin family

Robert Bowman, Mary Rowland, Kelly and David Bass by the Bass
family

Katherine Graves Miller by Megan Wylie, Hart Wylie, Madeleine and
Mary Gilbert Wylie

Lillian Norine Shaul by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Clementine and Henry Brown by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Norine and Tom Thames by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Scotty Welch by Jo Ann S. Welch

Inez and Dudley Wilson by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Peterson

Dorothy and Kinton Polk by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Peterson

Bill Boone by Sam, Will, Crisler and Doug Boone

Lucian Harvey, Jr. by his family

William and Lois Adams by Max and Diann Arinder

Clifton and Beulah Arinder by Max and Diann Arinder

Ruth and Ruel Trotter by Billy and Annette Trotter

Margaret and Myron Virgin by Billy and Annette Trotter

Ron Fender by Blakely Fender

Dr. Mart McMullan by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and
Luke Williams

Bill Boone by the Boone and Bowen families

Karen and Ron Bowen by the Boone and Bowen families

Jane Causey Lewis by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith
Rymer and Sarah Smith Newcomb

Emily Lewis Smith by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith
Rymer and Sarah Smith Newcomb

Bill Card by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith Rymer and
Sarah Smith Newcomb

Elizabeth and W.R. Newman by Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre
Anne McIntyre Black and John S. McIntyre by Carolyn and
Buddy McIntyre

Roger Friou by Susie Friou

Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Friou, Sr. by Susie Friou

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parke Street by Susie Friou

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bishop Street, Sr. by Susie Friou

Lisa Coker by Tim and Cheryl Coker

Francis and Ozelle Wilgar by Tim and Cheryl Coker

Grover, Irene and Louise Coker by Tim and Cheryl Coker

O.B. and Easie Wooley by the Wooley family

Frederick Clark by Anna Katherine Scott

Libby Clark by Anna Katherine Scott

Robert Malouf by Anna Katherine Scott

Leland Speed by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Harry Vickery by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Dr. Tom Turner by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Dr. Swink Hicks by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Jack and Pauline Cochran by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Jack Geary by Bill and Sheila Nicholas

Mary Evelyn and Thomas Patton by Joan Haynie

Fred A. Powell by Joan Haynie

Anne Peters by Mike Peters

Eda and Gray Jackson by Dabbs, Jeffery, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and
Rhodes Massey and Gray Jackson

Wayne and Zeita Parker by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Barbara Stribling Davis by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Jo Ann Ratliff by Gray Jackson

James E. Hardin and Dr. Bill Hardin by Laine and Bob Hardin

Ashley Stack by Laine and Bob Hardin

George Preston Lawrence by Slates, Whitney, Slates, Jr. and
Sadie Veazey

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Jerry Gold Veazey by Slates, Whitney, Slates, Jr. and Sadie Veazey

Susie Slates Craig by Slates, Whitney, Slates, Jr. and Sadie Veazey

Charles Craig by Slates, Whitney, Slates, Jr. and Sadie Veazey

Jan and George Purvis by Gayla and John Purvis

Ruth and Richard Ballard by Gayla and John Purvis

Beth Breland by Amy and George Williams

Dr. S.H. "Mac" McDonnical, Ann Reese McDonnical and
Fran McDonnical by their family

Peggy Kirkland Sims by Kandy and Joe Sims

Pinky and Dale Stockstill by Kandy and Joe Sims

Pat Nason Williams by Nason, Jane Claire, Alex, Elise and
Parker Williams

Bill Strum by Farrar, Lisa, Madyson and Vaughn Strum

Richard Vaughn by Farrar, Lisa, Madyson and Vaughn Strum
Mary Ferrell Hendrick by Janet and John Clark
Jim G. Hendrick by Janet and John Clark
Dorothy Ferrell Polen by Janet and John Clark
Ethan Baker Clark by Janet and John Clark
John Smith Clark by Janet and John Clark
Mamie Craft Clark by Janet and John Clark
Dot Taylor by Janet and John Clark
Marlane Chill Dove by Janet and John Clark
Barbara Stribling Davis by Janet and John Clark
Sarah "Cissy" McNeill Carr by Janet and John Clark
Bill Sanders by Samuel Sanders and Shirley Foster
Jim Sanders by Samuel Sanders and Shirley Foster
David Sanders by Samuel Sanders and Shirley Foster

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in honor of:

Tim Coker by The Northminster Choir

Sheila Hess by The Northminster Choir

Cindy and Jeff Wilson by Scott, Dana, Rhodes, Reeves, Kip, Morgan,
Lee, Stephanie and Shelby Wilson

Carolyn Aden by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey

Dean Mahaffey by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey

The Amanda and Jody Tucker family by Tommy and Suzan Thames

The Caroline and Roman Shaul family by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Mary Herschel Thames by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Malone Gregory by Tommy and Suzan Thames

Mary Foose Sunday School Teachers by Jo Ann S. Welch

Karen, David and Laurel by Jo Ann S. Welch

Jeff and Cindy Wilson by Beth Wilson Peterson

Helen and Red Moffat by Sam, Will, Crisler and Doug Boone

Suzanne Boone by Sam, Will, Crisler and Doug Boone

Julie and Dudley Wooley by Crisler and Doug Boone

Shirley Foster by Chico and Mary Taylor

The Mary Foose Class by Max and Diann Arinder

Northminster Pastors by Max and Diann Arinder

Northminster Staff by Max and Diann Arinder

Jean and James Kelley Williams by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach,
Anna Kate and Luke Williams

Lyllian McMullan by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and
Luke Williams

Judy and Guy Parker by Becky and Guy Parker

Anne and Bob Blackmon by Becky and Guy Parker

Susie Friou and family by Becky and Guy Parker

Anne McCaslin, Parker, Phinn, Sayle and Eloise, Rollins, Becca and
Jake by Becky and Guy Parker

Northminster Choir by Tim and Cheryl Coker

Mrs. Mary Ellen Stancill by Mary Phillips Beard

Ron Scott by Anna Katherine Scott

Dora Lee Clark by Anna Katherine Scott

Mitch, Ceejaye, Anna Mitchell, Elizabeth and Eleanor Peters by
Mike Peters

Sam, Courtney, Savannah, Marshall and Milton Peters by Mike Peters

Carolyn Aden by Gray Jackson

Mark and Rebecca Wiggs by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Ann and Gerry Lauman by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Anna, Andy, Sybil and Davis Frame by Gayla and John Purvis

Alex, Mary, Cate and Jack Purvis by Gayla and John Purvis

Spencer and Ryder Purvis by Gayla and John Purvis

Audrey and Scott Dickison by Kandy and Joe Sims

Billy, Sid and Mac Dickison by Kandy and Joe Sims

Bobbie Jean Sanders by Samuel Sanders and Shirley Foster

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 21

The church office is closed.

Tuesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 23

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

5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 24

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Sunday, April 27

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, 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. Liturgy of the Light

6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Holly Wiggs.
The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Gail England.
The Liturgist for April is Holly Wiggs.
The flowers for April are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly
and Geri Smith.
The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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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