



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

...have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love *the questions themselves* as if they were locked rooms or books written in a foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. *Live* the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

—Rainer Maria Rilke  
*Letters to a Young Poet*

**NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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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

Rob Hill

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Dedication of Children and Parents

Nancy Louise Skene  
Daughter of Kyle and Gates Skene

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Nancy to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

**Parents:** *We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.*

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

**People:** **That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

**People:** **She will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage; and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior; and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her into a loving relationship with God?

**Parents:** *We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.*

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

**People:** **Yes, we too, will share in her growth, for she belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

**People:** **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child Scott Dickison

The Lessons I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a Lesley Ratcliff  
Galatians 3:23-29

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

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“Forgive me, father! I have sinned. Have mercy upon me; save me from this loss that looks so much like gain!”

—Ovid, “The Story of Midas”  
*Metamorphoses*

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. 532 *SLANE*

“Be Thou My Vision”

\*The Offertory Prayer Rob Hill

The Offertory “Come Down, O Love Divine” Burkhardt

\*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!**



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

I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, pages 284-285

Galatians 3:23-29, page 947

Luke 8:26-39, page 841

**Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

## ———— 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 Bessie Speed, a member of Northminster since 1967. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Bessie's family and friends.

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Carolyn Aden

Carla Holt

Sue Edwards

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.

## **Brumfield House**

June 26: Bo Allen  
July 3: Jeff Wilson  
July 10: Joe Sims  
July 17: Geri Smith

## **Meals on Wheels**

Monday, June 23

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Kelly Hicks	Jean & Kelly Williams
Gail England	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Ann Calhoon	Cathy & Jeff Davis

Monday, July 7

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Rebecca Starling	Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Amanda Milam	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Cathy Davis	Keith Davis & Steve Bass

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### ***HALF TRUTHS***

#### **A Summer Bible Study**

Tuesdays at noon

Lunch: \$10

“Everything happens for a reason.” “God helps those who help themselves.” We have all heard these familiar sayings, and perhaps even leaned upon them in times of crisis or confusion. While these bits of wisdom and others like them can provide comfort amid difficulty, do they share the full wisdom of scripture and care of our God? Using noted pastor and theologian Adam Hamilton’s book *Half Truths* as an outline, we’ll gather on Tuesdays this summer in the Great Hall over a light lunch to explore these sayings to find the truths within and beyond them.

#### ***Half Truths Schedule***

June 24: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves (led by Jill Buckley)  
July 1: *Break for Independence Day*  
July 8: *Break for Independence Day*

July 15: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It  
July 22: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin  
July 29: Beyond Platitudes, Clichés, and Half Truths

### **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, June 29  
immediately following the worship service

#### **Agenda**

Approval of 2025-2026 Educational Leadership

### ————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

#### **Youth Sunday School**

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Friday-Sunday, July 11-13: Bible Camp (Youth Volunteers)

Sunday, July 13: Second Sunday Kickback, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24: Swim Night

Saturday, August 2: Stewpot

Sunday, August 3: Cookout at the Dickisons'

More information to follow.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- June 22: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin  
Firecrackers—TBA  
Sparklers—Amy & Jacob Moremen
- June 29: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard  
Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance  
Sparklers—Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell
- July 6: Firecrackers—Ceejaye & Mitch Peters  
Sparklers—Sheri & Clint Moody

**Summer Sunday School**

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, bible skills and crafts.

We hope your children will join us!

**Under Construction!**

Children's Bible Camp  
July 11-13

Register here:



Contact Sandra Triplett at [sandratriplett23@gmail.com](mailto:sandratriplett23@gmail.com)  
or 601-278-3817 with questions.

**Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, July 29, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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



## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, June 22**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting & Lunch, GH

### **Monday, June 23**

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

### **Tuesday, June 24**

12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH

### **Wednesday, June 25**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, June 26**

5:00 p.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR

### **Sunday, June 29**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:45 a.m. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH

## MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Charles O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Suzanne Boone.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Donna Cox.  
The Liturgist for June is Marty Kelly.  
The flowers for June are provided by Lesley Mosby,  
Jane Claire Williams, Lawana McLennan, Kandy Sims  
and Kathryn Sams.  
The Usher Captain for June is Matt Kelly.

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 Students	Geoff Davidson
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
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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