



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

I live in gratitude to my parents for initiating me—and as early as I begged for it, without keeping me waiting—into knowledge of the word, into reading and spelling, by way of the alphabet. They taught it to me at home in time for me to begin to read before starting school.... In my day it was the keystone to knowledge. You learned the alphabet as you learned to count to ten, as you learned “Now I lay me” and the Lord’s Prayer and your father’s and mother’s name and address and telephone number, all in case you were lost.

—Eudora Welty
One Writer’s Beginnings

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

Carrie Blount

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Dedication of Children and Parents

Emily Newcomb

Daughter of Nick and Sarah Newcomb

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Emily 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 Presentation of the Gift		Lesley Ratcliff
The Lessons	II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Geoff Davidson

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Here the frailest leaves of me and yet my strongest lasting,
 Here I shade and hide my thoughts, I myself do not expose them,
 And yet they expose me more than all my other poems.

—Walt Whitman
Leaves of Grass

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon	Geoff Davidson
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer	Geoff Davidson

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. 708	<i>DENNIS</i>
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	
*The Offertory Prayer	Carrie Blount
The Offertory	“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” Manz

*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 9:51-62

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Kosche

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

Forgive our other’s faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown; let all contention cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek; be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, his only Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
For love excludes no race or clan that name’s his Name;
His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

The Sermon

“A Single Commandment”

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Your friend is coming, I say
to Percy and name a name
and he runs to the door, his
wide mouth in its laugh-shape,
and waves, since he has one, his tail.
Emerson, I am trying to live,
as you said we must, the examined life.
But there are days I wish
there was less in my head to examine,
not to speak of the busy heart. How
would it be to be Percy, I wonder, not
thinking, not weighing anything, just running forward.

—Mary Oliver, “Percy, Waiting for Ricky,”
from *Dog Songs*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 651

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee ”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Fanfares”

Phillips

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, page 290

Galatians 5:1, 13-25, page 948

Luke 9:51-62, page 843

Today is the Third 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

July 3:	Jeff Wilson
July 10:	Joe Sims
July 17:	Charles O'Mara
July 24:	Scott Wilson

Meals on Wheels

Monday, July 7

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

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Congregational Meeting

Today
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Approval of 2025-2026 Educational Leadership

**All Hands on Deck
JPS Beautification Day**

Join the Adopt-a-School Committee at Spann Elementary School on July 18 for a work day to prepare for the new school year. The work day is scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and you are welcome to join us for any part of that time. Hope to see you there!

Summer Sunday School Soiree

July 27 & August 3 at 9:15 a.m.

All adults are invited to meet in the Great Hall during the Sunday School hour for a light breakfast, fellowship and a panel discussion.

On July 27th, the panel will discuss the spiritual and community impact of Sunday School on their lives from childhood to the present day; and on August 3rd, the panel will discuss the current shape of Northminster's Adult Sunday School classes, as well as the various topics and areas of interest available to Sunday School participants.

**Different. Distinctive. Daring:
After Christendom, Toward Beloved Community**

September 6-7

Save the date for our Lecture Series featuring Corey D. B. Walker,
Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Rev. Dr. Walker will join us for a public conversation and dinner on Saturday evening, preach in our worship service on Sunday morning and present a lecture over lunch on Sunday immediately following worship.

More details to follow.

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

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

———— 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 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
- July 13: Bible Camp
- July 20: Chapel Coordinator—Lesley Ratcliff
Firecrackers—Sophia & Rachel Royston
Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis

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
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 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

Monday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 2

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

1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries, L/CR

5:30 p.m. Safety Cmte., L/CR

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 4

The church office is closed.

Sunday, July 6

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.
The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Suzanne Boone.
The Caregivers of the Week are Laine and Bob Hardin.
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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