



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We become religious,
Then we turn from it,
Then we are in need and maybe we turn back.
We turn to making money,
Then we turn to the moral life,
Then we think about money again.
We meet wonderful people, but lose them
in our busyness.
We're, as the saying goes, all over the place.
Steadfastness, it seems, is more about dogs than about us.
One of the reasons we love them so much.

—Mary Oliver
“How It Is with Us, and How It Is with Them,”
from *Dog Songs*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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*The Litany of Praise

Gates Skene

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: O my God, in you we trust.

Leader: Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths.

All: According to your steadfast love, remember us.

—Psalm 25, adapted

*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

Gates Skene

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Colossians 1:1-14

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Eumaeus answered, “One must honor guests and foreigners and strangers, even those much poorer than oneself.... What I have to give is small, but I will give it gladly.”

—Homer, *The Odyssey*

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. 697 *ST. PETER*

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*The Offertory Prayer Gates Skene

The Offertory “Meditation in D Major” Fischer

*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 10:25-37 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Burkhardt

J J Coker, *tenor*

The Sermon “Go and Do Likewise” 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

You have to give from the deepest part of yourself, and you are going to have to go on giving, and the giving is going to have to be its own reward.

—Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 593

GIFT OF LOVE

“The Gift of Love”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Toccatà in F”

Buxtehude

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Deuteronomy 30:9-14, page 163

Colossians 1:1-14, page 956

Luke 10:25-37, page 844

Today is the Fifth 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

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer
Carla Holt

Libby McGee
Sue Edwards

Carolyn Aden
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.

Tomorrow's Caregiving Meeting

The caregivers will not meet tomorrow, July 14, but will resume Monday, July 21. For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need,
please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

July 17:	Charles O'Mara
July 24:	Scott Wilson
July 31:	Kirk Sims
August 7:	Skipper Jernigan

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, July 16

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Faye Barham	Amy Finkelberg & Keith Davis
Elizabeth Quinn	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Judy Rankin	Monica Daniels & Tricia Boyd

Monday, July 28

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Jean Welsh	Julie & Dudley Wooley
Polly Watkins	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Cathy Davis	Marianna Field & Janet Holt

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

All Hands on Deck JPS Beautification Day

Join the Adopt-a-School Committee at Spann Elementary School on Friday, 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 27, the panel will discuss the spiritual and community impact of Sunday School on their lives from childhood to the present day; and on August 3, 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.

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 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

Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship for all ages!

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, will preach in our worship service on Sunday morning and will present a lecture over lunch on Sunday immediately following worship.

More details to follow.

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, July 13: Second Sunday Kickback, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 24: Swim Night at the Elferts, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 2: Stewpot
Sunday, August 3: Cookout at the Dickisons'
More information to follow.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

July 13: Bible Camp
July 20: Chapel Coordinator—Lesley Ratcliff
Firecrackers—Rachel Royston
Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
July 27: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
Firecrackers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams
Sparklers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

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!

K2 Retreat

Friday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend the K2 retreat in the Youth House. If your child would like to attend, please contact lesley@northminsterbaptist.org, or 601-982-4703.

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, July 13

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Camp
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Second Sunday Hang-out, YH

Monday, July 14

The Caregivers will not meet today.

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Friday, July 18

- 6:00 p.m. K2 Retreat begins, YH

Saturday, July 19

- 11:00 a.m. K2 Retreat ends, YH

Sunday, July 20

- 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 Joe Rankin.
The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Sarah Love.
The Caregiver of the Week is Jann Puckett.
The Liturgist for today is Marty Kelly.
The Liturgists for July are Amy Williams, Marty Kelly and Elizabeth Quinn.
The flowers for July are provided by Kandy Sims, Jennifer Stribling, Jill Buckley and Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for July 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 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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