



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The word *faith* is often understood as accepting something you can't understand. People often say, "Such and such can't be explained; you simply have to believe it." However, when Jesus talks about faith, he means first of all to trust unreservedly that you are loved.

—Henri Nouwen

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

Kelley Williams, Jr.

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Psalm 37:1-9
II Timothy 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

When we lose patience, when we are unkind,
when we are envious, when we are rude or proud,
when we are selfish or irritable, and when we will not forgive:
have mercy on us, O God.

Help us not to delight in evil, but to rejoice in the truth;
help us always to protect, to trust, to hope and to persevere:
then we shall see you face to face, and learn to love as you love us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—*Chalice Worship*

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 trespass-
es, 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. 692

ST. CATHERINE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

*The Offertory Prayer

Kelley Williams, Jr.

The Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Wood

*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 17:5-10

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“This Is My Father’s World”

Sheppard

Mimi Linehan, *horn*

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white declare their maker’s praise.

This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev’ry
where.

This is my Father’s world; O, let me not forget,
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

The Sermon

“Increase Our Faith!”

Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread—Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, and return to the pews by an outside aisle. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. A gluten-free option is available at the communion table.

The Cup—Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Once all have been served, we will drink the cup together.

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

Trust in the Lord, and do good.

—Psalm 37:3a

*The Recessional Hymn No. 552

OLIVET

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing”

Willan

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 37:1-9, page 443

II Timothy 1:1-14, page 966

Luke 17:5-10, page 852

Today is the Seventeenth 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.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Virginia Hamilton	Sue Edwards	Carla Holt

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.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

October 9:	Bo Allen
October 16:	Matt Kelly
October 23:	TBA
October 30:	Skipper Jernigan
November 6:	Kirk Sims
November 13:	Mitch Peters

Meals on Wheels

Monday, October 6

Cooks:	Drivers:
Rebecca Starling	Rt. 1: Susan & Charles O'Mara
Amanda Milam	Rt. 2: Marianna Field &
Peggy Brady	Janet Holt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Studies

Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Bible Study with Scott Tonight, October 12, 19 and 26

The book of Psalms is found at the literal center of our Bibles. For God's people through the generations, the Psalms have also been at our spiritual center. Using the first part of Ellen Davis's beautiful book *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* as our guide, we will explore what the Psalms teach us about the full range of acceptable speech to God: praise and thanksgiving, but also lament and even curses (!).

A Theology of Death and Dying November 9 and 16

On November 9, Scott will lead us in a study of the theology of dying and how that influences our funeral practices at Northminster. On November 16, we'll discuss funeral services at Northminster, giving you an opportunity to consider what might be important to you regarding your own funeral and how you can record that with the church.

Lunch & Learn with Mayor Horhn

Tuesday, October 7
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$10

John Horhn, mayor of Jackson, will join us for Lunch and Learn. Come enjoy a delicious meal and hear Mayor Horhn's vision for the city of Jackson.

While the deadline to sign up has passed, if you would still like to attend, please email Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 8
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: lasagna, broccoli, salad, rolls and cake

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Sara Cox,
Cade Montague, Gloria Montgomery and Susan Phillips
Cashier: George Luter

Women's Book Study is back!

**Honoring the Body:
Meditations on a Christian Practice**

Tuesdays, October 21-November 11
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Books are available in the church office for \$20. Supper will be provided for \$10 per person. Call Lesley at 601-982-4703 or email her at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org with questions or to sign up.

Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Giant Slide

Games

Cookout

Candy Bar Walk

Pumpkin Painting

Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us in the "backyard" of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the Youth House at no charge.

Rain will cancel.

Non-scary costumes preferred.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Mahjong Ministry

Sundays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

October 26

Dragons & Jokers & Candy, Oh, My!

Bring your favorite candy and join us for an afternoon of Mahjong fun!



Sign up here for October 26!

November 16

Thankful Tiles

Bring canned goods for Stewpot! Each canned good and each mahjong will get you an entry into the drawing for prizes.



Sign up here for November 16!

December 21

Merry Mahjong

The highest scorer at each table will take home a mahjong ornament.



Sign up here for December 21!

These events will be for folks who have learned the basics. If you haven't yet, please reach out to Lesley about a time to learn.

Northminster Cares
Senior Adult Conference
on Dementia

Thursday, November 6
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to the conference on dementia and Alzheimer's which will be held in the Great Hall. Dr. Kim Tarver of the UMMC MIND Center will address the following: normal aging vs. dementia, early detection, genetic risk factors, symptoms of Alzheimer's, lifestyle modification, and exploring a cure. Geriatric Social Worker Ashley Parker will address tips and strategies for caregiving. So whether you are caring for a loved one or simply interested in learning more about Alzheimer's and dementia, this is the conference for you. Lunch will be included. Sign up using the QR code below, calling the church office 601-982-4703 or emailing Marty Harper at marty@northminsterbaptist.org. Registration is open through October 31.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. for donuts and good conversation.

Upcoming Dates

Youth Sunday Nights

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

after supper in the Great Hall

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 26

5:00 p.m., YH

ReCreate Fall Retreat

November 7—9

Camp Wesley Pines

Stewpot

Saturday, December 6

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14

Northminster Youth Choral Ensemble

Interest in having a youth choral group has grown. We will be trying a six-week period of rehearsals to gauge this interest and to prepare a morning worship presentation. Youth who are interested are encouraged to meet in the Choir Room from 4:00 to 5:00 on Sunday afternoons. Rehearsals begin and end promptly. Please use the back parking lot doors to enter for rehearsal.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- October 5: Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance
 Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
- October 12: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
 Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
 Sparklers—Mary Hastings & Gray Samson
- October 19: Firecrackers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
 Sparklers—Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, October 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, November 14, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant—sixth grade) by calling the church office, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, November 12. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, October 5

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, October 6

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:00 p.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR

Tuesday, October 7

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn, GH
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, October 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Trey Clark.
The Caregiving Chair for October is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Faye Barham
and Susie Friou.
The Caregiver of the Week is Sarah Love.
The Liturgist for today is Amy Finkelberg.
The Liturgists for October are Amy Finkelberg and
Anne Brawley.
The flowers for October are provided by Kandy Sims,
John Tingle and Geri Smith.
The Usher Captain for October 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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