



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

I only call death when I forget how to speak  
eternity's language, forget that to run  
out of time is to run into the truth  
that none of us have been  
our bodies. If we were—how  
would we fit in each other's hearts?

—Andrea Gibson  
*You Better Be  
Lightning*

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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

Monica Daniels

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Job 19:23-27a

Geoff Davidson

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

We need to fall and we need to see that we have done so. For if we never fell, we should not know how weak and pitiable we are in ourselves. Nor should we fully know the wonderful love of our Maker.

—Julian of Norwich

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. 107 *SLANE*  
“Christ Be My Leader”

\*The Offertory Prayer Monica Daniels

The Offertory “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Trotter

\*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 20:27-38 Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem “It Is Well with My Soul” Coker

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*Refrain*

*“It is well, it is well with my soul.”*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.  
“Even so, it is well with my soul.”

*Refrain*

The Sermon “What the Living Do” 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

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.  
Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of a psalm,  
with trumpets and the sound of a horn.  
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

—Psalm 98

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648

*ANGEL'S STORY*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

“Intermezzi”

Schroeder

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Job 19:23-27a, pages 405-406  
II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, pages 961-962  
Luke 20:27-38, pages 855-856

**Today is the Twenty-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.

What the Living Do  
by Marie Howe

Johnny, the kitchen sink has been clogged for days, some utensil  
probably fell down there.  
And the Drano won't work but smells dangerous, and the crusty dishes  
have piled up

waiting for the plumber I still haven't called. This is the everyday we  
spoke of.

It's winter again: the sky's a deep, headstrong blue, and the sunlight  
pours through

the open living-room windows because the heat's on too high in here and  
I can't turn it off.

For weeks now, driving, or dropping a bag of groceries in the street, the  
bag breaking,

I've been thinking: This is what the living do. And yesterday, hurrying  
along those wobbly bricks in the Cambridge sidewalk, spilling my cof-  
fee down my wrist and sleeve,

I thought it again, and again later, when buying a hairbrush: This is it.  
Parking. Slamming the car door shut in the cold. What you called that  
yearning.

What you finally gave up. We want the spring to come and the winter to  
pass. We want whoever to call or not call, a letter, a kiss—we want  
more and more and then more of it.

But there are moments, walking, when I catch a glimpse of myself in the  
window glass, say, the window of the corner video store, and I'm  
gripped by a cherishing so deep

for my own blowing hair, chapped face, and unbuttoned coat that I'm  
speechless:

I am living. I remember you.

## ————— 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**

November 13: Mitch Peters  
November 20: Elizabeth Boone  
November 27: Mike Peters

### **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, November 19

<b>Cooks:</b>	<b>Drivers:</b>
Shari Culver	Rt. 1: Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Helen Turner	Rt. 2: Monica Daniels &
Elizabeth Quinn	Carol Taff

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

**Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, November 16  
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Approval of the 2026 Proposed Budget  
Long-Range Plan Update - Legacy Giving Ministry  
Personnel Committee Report

**Women's Book Study is back!**

*Honoring the Body:  
Meditations on a Christian Practice*

Tuesdays through November 11  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Supper will be provided for \$10 per person.  
Call Lesley at 601-982-4703 or email her at  
[lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions or to sign up.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, November 12  
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: fried chicken, mac & cheese, spinach & tomatoes, salad  
rolls and cake

Servers: Susan Phillips, Jennifer Carter  
Joe & Judy Rankin  
Cashier: George Luter

**Adult Studies**

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

**A Theology of Death and Dying  
Tonight and November 16**

Tonight, 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.

### **In-home communion**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and as we draw near to the season of Advent, Northminster will begin offering in-home communion. If you or your loved one is not able to attend our worship service then please contact us and arrange a time where we can bring communion to you. If you are interested in sharing communion where you reside, contact Marty Harper by emailing [marty@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:marty@northminsterbaptist.org) or by calling 601-954-4348.

### **Mahjong Ministry**

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

**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's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service**

Wednesday, November 19  
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more. Meat and drinks will be provided.**

**Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.**

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service. We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.

Volunteers: Cade Montague, Gloria Montgomery,  
Judy Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

### **From the Worship and Music Committee**

Northminster Baptist Church believes in the leadership of our laity in every aspect of our church, including worship. The Worship and Music Committee oversees the structure and content of our worship, with members writing and contributing the liturgy as well as securing a lay reader for each Sunday. The lay reader plays an integral role in the worship experience by leading the Litany of Praise and preparing and offering the Invocation and Offertory Prayer.

If you have an interest in leading the church as a lay reader and have never been asked or have not been asked in a while, the Worship and Music Committee would like to know! Please respond via email or text to Amy Williams, [angelsbyamy@aol.com](mailto:angelsbyamy@aol.com) or 601-672-7448.

### **Food Assistance**

Thank you to all who have brought bags of food for us to have on hand for our neighbors! In an effort to help meet the needs of our community, we have approved additional funding to five local food distribution sites from extra missions funds and Pastors' Benevolence.

Stewpot needs plastic grocery bags and egg cartons to help meet the increased need in the Food Pantry. You can deliver them to Stewpot or bring them to the church office. *Please only include bags and cartons without tears and that are clean.*

Stewpot is also in need of additional volunteers to help staff their Food Pantry in the coming weeks. You can sign up to volunteer by visiting the Stewpot website.

### **Book Buddies Needed**

Two of the organizations we support through the Adopt-a-School, Wider Net and Local & Direct Missions Committees have opportunities for reading with students.

#### **Spann Elementary School**

Reading buddies are needed for one hour per week any time between 7:30 and 1:30 on Monday through Friday. Volunteers will spend 30 minutes each with two children listening to them read and asking reading comprehension questions. Reading buddies can also bring in a favorite book to read to the children. To volunteer, contact Lesley Ratcliff at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or call the church office.

#### **Operation Shoestring**

Volunteers are needed on the first Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 to listen to kindergarten, first and second graders read. Volunteers will occasionally be invited to complete a craft related to the reading. The books and crafts will be provided. To volunteer, contact Annette Hitt at [annettehitt329@gmail.com](mailto:annettehitt329@gmail.com).

**These are brief opportunities that make a big impact!**

#### **Northminster Angel Tree**

Beginning Sunday, November 16, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel any time the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Wednesday, December 10, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service**

Each year Baptism of the Lord Sunday offers an opportunity to be baptized in an evening vespers service. The next Baptism of the Lord Sunday will be January 11, 2026. If you are interested in receiving baptism at this service, please reach out to one of the pastors.

### ————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

#### **Youth Sunday School**

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

#### **Upcoming Dates**

**No Bible Study tonight due to the fall retreat**

#### **Stewpot**

Saturday, December 6

#### **Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m., YH

#### **Exams Homework Night with Pancakes!**

Wednesday, December 10, YH  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 14

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Today at 5:30 p.m.

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- November 9: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff  
Stancill  
Firecrackers—Gates & Kyle Skene  
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long
- November 16: Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff  
Sparklers—TBA
- November 23: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson  
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

**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, November 9**

- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies

### **Monday, November 10**

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

### **Tuesday, November 11**

- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Comm., L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Missions Committee, L/CR
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

### **Wednesday, November 12**

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

### **Friday, November 14**

- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

### **Sunday, November 16**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Banner Bearer & Acolyte Training
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies
- 6:45 p.m. Deacon meeting, L/CR

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Mike Peters.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Susan O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Guy Parker III.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Steve & Melissa Godbold.  
The flowers for November are provided by Lisa Kelly,  
Kandy Sims, Becky Frame and Geri Smith.  
The Usher Captain for November 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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