

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Joe Rankin.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Holly Wiggs.
The Liturgist for August is Marty Kelly.
The flowers for today are provided by Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for August 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 Community and Missions	Masyn Evans-Clements
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Love is there in the simple, ordinary moments—which in essence are neither simple nor ordinary, because life is not ordinary.

—Paula D’Arcy
Waking Up to This Day

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
Ten-thirty o'clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection, and prayer. Following the service, please enjoy a time of fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.

—Richard J. Foster
Celebration of Discipline

The Prelude “Psalm 33” Diemer

The Call to Worship Yarrington

“O Be Joyful in the Lord”

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Bless the Lord!

*The Processional Hymn No. 694 *AUSTRIAN HYMN*
“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*The Litany of Praise David Munn

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

Leader: For great is the glory of the Lord.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

11:30 a.m. Legacy Giving Luncheon, GH

5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH

Monday, August 24

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

5:30 p.m. Wider Net Committee, L/CR

Tuesday, August 25

1:00 p.m. Senior Adult Connections: Mind &
Music, GH

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 28

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

—from Psalm 138

*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

David Munn

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Blair Ely

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Blair, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Romans 12:1-8

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Lord, we know that we are unable to do great things for you,
but help us to be neither too lazy nor too proud to do the
small things.

—Avery Brooke

Plain Prayers in a Complicated World

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 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. 568

HENDON

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

*The Offertory Prayer

David Munn

The Offertory

“Alleluia! Sing to 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

Matthew 16:13-20

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 23: Firecrackers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

August 30: Chapel Coordinators—Hart Wylie &
Megan Wylie
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Neely & Michael
McGinnis

September 6: Firecrackers—Kristen & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson

September 13: Firecrackers—Jennifer & Drew Rymer
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

Parents' Night Out

Friday, August 28, 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, August 26. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, September 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Community Book Study

Tuesdays, September 15 and 22
11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall
(lunch provided)

Sunday, September 27, 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Helm Baptist Church

Join us for a community book study of theologian Howard Thurman's classic work, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, hosted in partnership with Mt. Helm Baptist Church. Some books will be available in the church office for purchase for \$10 and are widely available elsewhere.

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Sunday Nights Resume!

Tonight, 5:00 p.m. in the Youth House

Save the Dates

Youth mission trip to Waco, TX, July 3-8 or 9, 2027. Now accepting registrations! Cost: \$275, including a \$75 deposit.

For those interested in 2027 Passport June 19-25, a \$100 deposit is due by September 29. Final cost TBD. No Passport registrations will be accepted after this date.

The Anthem

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Scott

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun
above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt
away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect
Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing
sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are
Thine;

Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE

Glorious is Thy name, Jehovah, King of ev'ry nation;

Great are all Thy works, Creator, God of our salvation.

Ever loving, ever blessing, All Thy people praise Thy name;

Ever watchful, ever faithful, Evermore the same.

HYMN TO JOY

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars
began;

Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

The Sermon

“Where to Look”

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

While you live, while it is in your power, be good.

—Marcus Aurelius
Meditations

*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 *CWM RHONDDA*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

*The Postlude “Largo” *Handel*

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Exodus 1:8-2:10, page 43
Romans 12:1-8, page 922
Matthew 16:13-20, page 798

and on September 20, “**What I See Differently Now.**” We’re looking for people willing to share a story, experience, or insight in a 5–10 minute talk. If you’re interested in being a FED Talk speaker, please contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

FALL ADULT STUDIES

FED TALKS: Faith, Experience and Discovery

September 13 & 20

Come join us for this two-night series of short, TED-style talks featuring members of our church sharing stories, questions, and discoveries from their lives of faith. Join us September 13 for “Where I’ve Seen God” and September 20 for “What I See Differently Now.” Come listen, learn, and be inspired by the faith and experiences of people in our own community.

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4

Everyone is invited to bring their pets to the amphitheater for a blessing of the pets on St. Francis Day. We’ll have a brief service of blessing and enjoy ice cream and pup cups. More details to follow!

The Poetry of Ordinary Time

Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25

Join us these weeks in October as we pair poems with the scriptures and themes of Ordinary Time, or as we speak of it here at Northminster, “The Growing Season.”

Northminster Hits: Musical Bingo Night

Sunday, November 8

We’re kicking off a new night of fellowship and fun with music, friendly competition, and a chance to see just how well you know your favorite songs. More details coming soon, but start thinking about who you want on your team!

The Annual Church-Wide

Labor Day Potluck

Sunday, September 6

No Sunday School—Lunch in the
Great Hall following worship

The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family, plus one more. Please bring serving utensils, and label your dishes and serving pieces.

Lunch and Learn with Richie Burnette

September 29 at noon in the Great Hall

Join us for our next Lunch and Learn as Richie Burnette—musician, amateur Delta historian, and Brooks Elfert's father—presents **"No Jesus, No Elvis."**

Richie will explore the often-overlooked Christian roots of American music, tracing the influence of the church on artists such as Elvis Presley, B. B. King, Faith Hill, and many others. He'll also share a few musical performances along the way. Whether you're a music lover, history buff, or simply curious, this promises to be a fascinating presentation.

We'll enjoy lunch together, followed by Richie's presentation and time for questions.

Please RSVP by **September 22** using the QR Code below.



Adult Ministries Call for Speakers

FED Talks is a two-night series of short, TED-style talks where members of our church share stories of faith, experience, and discovery. On September 13, we'll explore **"Where I've Seen God,"**

Today is the Thirteenth 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Roger Friou by his family.

Ozymandias

by Percy Bysshe Shelley

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

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

Troy Browning is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Virginia Hamilton	Beth Israel Congregation
Carla Holt	Lyllian McMullan	Sue Edwards

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

August 27	Bryan Bridges
September 3	Mike Peters
September 10	Scott Wilson
September 17	Rob Hill

Meals on Wheels

Monday, August 24

Cooks:	Drivers:
Cade Montague	Rt. 1: Susan & Charles O'Mara
Faye Barham	Rt. 2: Zina & Steve Bass
Amy Moremen	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legacy Giving Ministry Kickoff Luncheon

Today, immediately following worship

Join us for lunch as we introduce Northminster's Legacy Giving Ministry. This new ministry, years in the making and a product of our most recent long-range plan, will provide a vehicle for Northminster members and friends to make lasting contributions to the church's mission and ministry. We will hear from committee members and a representative from the CBF Foundation, our partner organization in developing these funds, and provide information on how you can participate. Childcare will be provided.

Connection Event Music and the Mind: Using Music to Support Brain Health

Tuesday, August 25
1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Come join us for a Music and the Mind Connection Event. This presentation will introduce key research findings on music and brain health. Participants will then explore mindful ways to engage with music and develop listening habits that research suggests may support overall mental well-being. Facilitator will be Dr. Tim Coker, Northminster Minister of Music.

This Connection Event is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee but is open to all ages. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by using the QR Code below. For more information contact Marty Harper at marty@northminsterbaptist.org.

