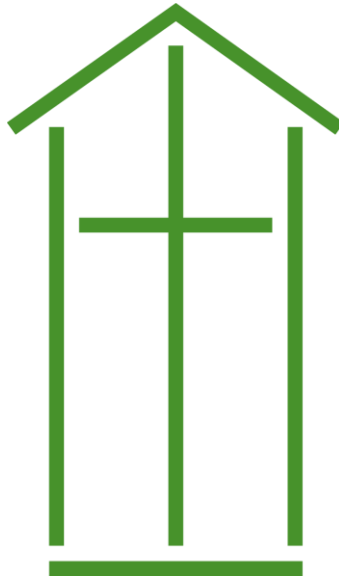




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

—Deuteronomy 34:4

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in a lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing that is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we must be saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love, which is forgiveness.

—Reinhold Niebuhr
The Irony of American History

The Prelude	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	Buxtehude
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The Call to Worship	“O Be Joyful”	Yarrington
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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. 347

HOLY MANNA

“Tell His Praise in Song and Story”

*The Litany of Praise

Rob Hill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

People: **In God's realm we will find healing and hope.**

Leader: We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

People: **In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.**

Leader: We are called to be those who would serve.

All: **Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need.**

—Adapted from Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

*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

Rob Hill

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

If you, Lord, remember all our sins, who could survive? But with you there is forgiveness; we adore you and hope in you.

—Adapted from Psalm 130:3-4

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Masyn Evans-Clements

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Masyn Evans-Clements

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. 552

OLIVET

“My Faith Looks up to Thee”

*The Offertory Prayer

Rob Hill

The Offertory

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

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*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 22:34-46

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain**Here I am, Lord.**Is it I, Lord?**I have heard you calling in the night.**I will go, Lord, if You lead me.**I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save. Whom shall I send?
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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

Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness, touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it; because in the last analysis, all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

—Frederick Buechner

Now and Then: A Memoir of Vocation

*The Recessional Hymn No. 335

TERRA BEATA

“Great Is the Lord Our God”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “The Church’s One Foundation”

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**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, page 168

I Thessalonians 2:1-8, page 959

Matthew 22:34-46, page 804

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.

—— 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 Frances Shields, a member of Northminster since 1992. Christian sympathy is extended to Kathleen, Ryan, Thomas and Jimmy O'Beirne, and all of Frances' friends and family.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer
Carla Holt

Virginia Hamilton
Lyllian McMullan

Beth Israel Congregation
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

October 29

November 5

November 12

November 19

Skipper Jernigan

Kirk Sims

Mitch Peters

Elizabeth Quinn

Meals on Wheels

Monday, October 26

Cooks:

Polly Watkins

Jean Welsh

Cathy Davis

Drivers:

Rt. 1: Julie & Dudley Wooley

Rt. 2: Marianna Field & Janet Holt

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

FALL ADULT STUDIES

The Poetry of Ordinary Time

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

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.”

Fall Costume Drive

October 25—November 15

In support of the McClean Fletcher Center

The McClean Fletcher Center is a grief support center for kids and teens, ages 4—18, who have lost a special person in their lives. The costume closet brings levity and joy to all clients during their bi-weekly meetings.

Bring your donations to church anytime between October 25 and November 15 and place them in the donation bins. Nothing scary or gory, please. Click on the QR code below for more information.



Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: beef rice, fried chicken, green beans, salad, roll and cake

Servers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague, Susan Phillips & Carol Taff

Cashier: George Luter

Committee Nominations and Opportunities to Serve

The Committee on Committees is working to match individual interests with committee needs for 2027. Committees are established by December 1 of each year, and committee service is for a 3-year term beginning in January. All are invited to indicate areas of interest for committee service by using our online form which can be accessed at any time using the QR Code below.



We are also offering a new way to volunteer for specific needs throughout the year. The volunteer form can be accessed at any time using the QR Code below.



All Saints' Sunday, November 1

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday. Names may be submitted by e-mail to Neely Grimsley at neely@northminsterbaptist.org. Forms will also be available in the church office. Please add any notes on pronunciation that may be helpful. **All names must be submitted by Monday, October 26.**

On the evening of November 1, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an All Saints' Vesper Service, at which time the names will be read aloud.

We will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the memorial garden at the north end of the campus.

The Great Hall Series

Sundays, November 1 and 8 at 9:15 a.m.

Join us in the Great Hall during the Sunday school hour over the first two Sundays in November for a brief series on generosity, gratitude, and stewardship.

On November 1, Scott will lead a bible study on the spiritual link between gratitude and generosity.

On November 8, we will have a presentation of the Annual Report and proposed budget for 2027.

Lunch and Learn with Dr. Dan Jones

Tuesday, November 3, 12:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Join us for our next Lunch and Learn as Dr. Dan Jones, former chancellor of the University of Mississippi, shares reflections and excerpts from his new book, *Medical Missionary: My Journey Through Global Health and Higher Education*. Enjoy lunch and hear more about Dr. Jones' inspiring faith journey from rural Mississippi to North Korea and back again. There will be time for questions from the audience.

To register, please use the QR Code below or call the church office at 601-982-4703 by October 30.



Know Your Soul

A spiritual retreat led by Joseph Benton Howell, Ph.D
Spirituality of the Enneagram, Master Teacher, author of
Know Your Soul: Journeying with the Enneagram

Sponsored by Jackson Enneagram Institute
and the Institute for Conscious Being

Friday, November 6, 5:30—8:30 p.m.
through

Saturday, November 7 , 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Non-refundable registration cost of \$100 includes refreshments, box lunch on Saturday, and a copy of Dr. Howell's book

Registration deadline is Monday, November 2.
Please register by using the QR Code below.



Senior Adult Conference Scam Awareness and Prevention

**Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Great Hall**

**Featured Speakers
FBI Investigator
Better Business Bureau Fraud Department**

About 58% of adults in the US receive suspected spam messages, calls, emails or texts every day. Join us for a conference focused on preventing fraud, securing your personal information, and dealing with the emotional impact of being scammed. There is no charge for the conference, but advanced registration is required. A continental breakfast and catered lunch are included with registration.

Please register by using the QR code below. Since lunch will be provided, registration is required.



——— YOUTH NEWS ———

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Halloween Party

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

Youth ReCreate Fall Retreat

Friday, November 6—Sunday, November 8

Come get away at Camp Wesley Pines with the Northminster Youth Ministry for a retreat focused on practicing Sabbath and renewal. The cost is \$35. We'll be wearing this year's youth shirt on Sunday of that week, so if your student doesn't have one, please contact Geoff. The deadline for registration is October 28.

Join us at The Gathering

November 15, 5:00—7:00 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church.

The Northminster Youth Ministry is partnering with a number of local youth ministries for a night of Thanksgiving worship and fun.

Meet at St. James. See Geoff for more info.

2027 Youth Missions Trip: Registration Open!

Youth mission trip to Waco, TX, July 3—8 or 9, 2027. The cost is \$275, which includes a \$75 deposit.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- October 25: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen &
Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Blair & Ryder Taff
- November 1: Firecrackers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
Sparklers—Ceejaye & Mitch Peters

Children's Retreat

November 7-8

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be exploring the theme “God’s Story, Our Hands” through the stories of Moses. We’ll play games, have Bible study, do a ropes course, and enjoy a bonfire. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 and return in time for worship at Northminster on November 8.

Parents' Night Out Update

Parents' Night Out will be taking a break for the remainder of 2026. We know how much our families enjoy this special evening, and we appreciate your understanding as we pause this ministry. We look forward to sharing updates about future Parents' Night Out events!

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, October 25

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:30 p.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Halloween Party, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Adult Studies, GH

Monday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 30

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, November 1

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH
- 5:00 p.m. Dogwood Planting
- 5:30 p.m. All Saints' Vesper Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Chair for October is Guy Parker.
The Caregiving Coordinator for October is Guy Parker.
The Caregiver of the Week Annette Hitt.
The Liturgist for today is Shirley Sanders Foster.
The flowers for today are provided by Leah Hendrix.
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 Students	Geoff Davidson
Associate Pastor for Community and Missions	Masyn Evans-Clements
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
Facilities Manager	Leonard Wilson

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