

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 to you an invitation to membership by your 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 express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

I waited patiently for the Lord to help me; then the Lord listened and heard my cry. The Lord lifted me out of the pit of desolate, out of the bog and miry and set my feet upon a hard, firm path and steadied me as I walked along.

-Psalm 40:1, adapted

- *The Recessional Hymn No. 708: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS
- *The Benediction Paul Baxley
- *The Postlude "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Hayes
- **The congregation will please stand.*

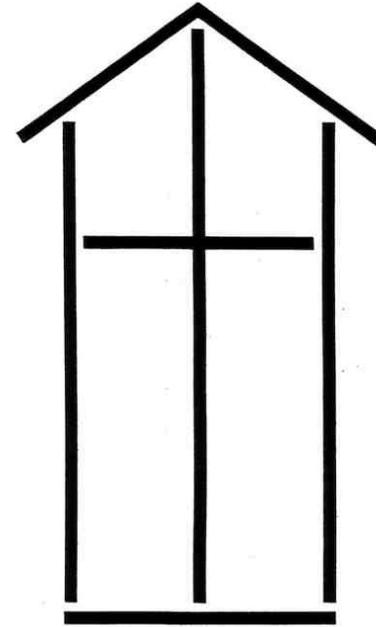
The Lectionary passages for August 4 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Hosea 11:1-11 ~ page 737
Psalm 107:1-9 ~ page 487
Colossians 3:1-11 ~ pages 957-958
Luke 12:13-21 ~ page 847

Northminster is delighted to welcome Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, to participate in worship leadership this morning

Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"We are praying, too that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens"

Colossians 1:12

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2019
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, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“The Church is not a select circle of immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in. It is not a palace with gate attendants and challenging sentinels along the entranceways holding off at arm’s length the stranger, but rather a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed and where all the weary and troubled may find rest and take counsel together.”

-James H. Aughey

Prelude “O Worship the King” Forrest
“Jesus Loves Me” Callahan

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 108: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

*The Litany of Praise Jack McDaniel

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Oh burning Mountain, O chosen Sun,

People: The humblest thing you created sings your praise.

Leader: O perfect Moon, O fathomless Well,

People: The humblest thing you created sings your praise.

Leader: O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit,

People: The humblest thing you created sings your praise.

Leader: Strength beyond resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty:

All: The humblest thing you created sings your praise

-*Praising God of Many Names*, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation Jack McDaniel

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Hosea 11:1-11
Colossians 3:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“It is much harder to believe than not to believe. If you feel you can’t believe, you must at least do this: keep an open mind. Keep it open toward faith, keep wanting it, keep asking for it and leave the rest to God.”

Flannery O’Connor, *The Habit of Being*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768: “I Come with Joy” DOVE OF PEACE

*The Offertory Prayer Jack McDaniel

The Offertory “What Wondrous Love Is This?” Forrest

*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 12:13-21 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Dvořák
Jack Edwards, *bass*

The Sermon “No Secrets?” Paul Baxley

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Lesley Ratcliff

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, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.