

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Mystery Trip:** June 1-5 - \$250.

Sign up before April 15. Space is limited.  
Contact Major to sign up.

**Passport:** July 11-17.

Cost \$425  
Contact Major to sign up.

**INSTAGRAM:** Follow us at **nbcyouth1**.

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**Children’s Storytime with the Pastors**

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Each of the Pastors will share a book and we’ll have a brief devotional thought.

Email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) if you would like the Zoom link.

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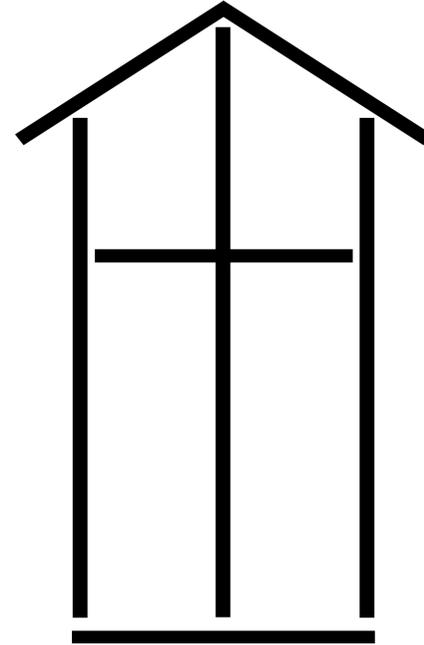
**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**Every member a minister**

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.

Pastor  
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults  
Associate Pastor for Students  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Organist Emeritus  
Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
Financial Secretary  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sexton

Charles Poole  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Major Treadway  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Heaven is not a space overhead to which we lift our eyes;  
it is the background of our existence, the all-encompassing  
Lordship of God within which we stand.

-Helmut Thielicke

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
March 29, 2020  
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

Here within this house of prayer  
all the Father's love declare;  
Love that gave us birth and planned  
days and years beneath God's hand:  
Praise to God whose love and power  
bring us to this sacred hour!  
-Timothy Dudley-Smith

The Prelude "O Man, Bewail thy Grievous Fall" Bach

\*The Processional Hymn No. 43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN' FESTE BURG*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

\*The Litany of Praise Rebecca Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We praise your name, O Lord, even as we call to you  
from the depths of despair;

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: If you numbered our sins, Lord, who could stand?

**People: Lord, forgive us.**

Leader: We wait for you, O Lord, and we hope in your word;

**People: For in you we find loving kindness and abundant redemption.**

**All: The Lord be praised for redemption, and for the hope  
of everlasting life!**

-Psalm 130, *adapted*

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Libby McGee	Pat Walston	R.W. McCarley
Virginia Hamilton	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Martha Collum	Nancy Herrin
Roxanne Aldridge	Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin  
Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole  
Mary Hendrick, mother of Janet Clark

Remember those in military service: Bartavian Stanton and Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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.

The Deacon of the Week is Nancy Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Jean Welsh.

The Caregivers of the Week are Nancy Bourn and Sheila Nicholas.

The Liturgist for March is Richard Joiner.

The Liturgist for April is Joe D. Rankin.

The Flowers for March are provided by Susan Burnham, Kathryn Davis and Mary Elizabeth Smith.

The Flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly, Joe D. Rankin, Kandy Sims, and Jan Stewart.

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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*In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.*

*The Northminster Flower Committee*

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The Worship and Music Committee has prepared a personal and family worship guide for Lent, entitled "*A Lenten Journey, 2020.*" Please call the office if you would like for one to be mailed to you. Please share them with family and friends for a richer Lenten experience.

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for March 29 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ pages 704-705  
Psalm 130 ~ page 500  
Romans 8:6-11 ~ page 919  
John 11:1-45 ~ pages 873-874

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" *MEINEKE*  
\*The Prayer of Invocation Rebecca Wiggs  
The Greeting Major Treadway  
The Lessons Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession  
The dearest idol I have known, what e'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, and worship only Thee.  
-William Cowper

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation "Bouree" Handel

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel John 11:1-45 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "O Lord Most Holy" Franck  
JJ Coker, *tenor*  
Vince Massimino, *violin*

The Sermon "The Church in the Time of Covid-19" Charles Poole

### TIME OF RESPONSE

I know not where God's islands lift their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift beyond God's love and care.  
-John Greenleaf Whittier

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 678 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" *PROMISE*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "See the Lord of Light and Life" Bach