



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.  
Earth and heaven both are still watching  
though time is draining from the clock  
and your walk, that was confident and quick,  
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let  
the heart still play its true part.  
Love still as once you loved, deeply  
and without patience. Let God and the world  
know you are grateful.  
That the gift has been given.

-Mary Oliver

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 15, 2021  
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.

The Meditation of Preparation

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

-Mary Oliver

The Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Funderburk

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

The Processional Hymn No. 16 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" *DUKE STREET*

Give to our God immortal praise;  
mercy and truth are all his ways;  
wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,  
and fixed the starry lights on high:  
wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;  
he bids the moon direct the night:  
his mercies ever shall endure,  
when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with power to save  
from guilt and darkness and the grave:  
wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vast world he guides our feet,  
and leads us to his heavenly seat:  
his mercies ever shall endure,  
when this our world shall be no more.

\*The Litany of Praise Ella Boykin

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Holy people of God, fear the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**People: Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Leader: Live carefully and be wise, making the most of every opportunity.

**People: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace.**

**All: Be filled with the Spirit, always praising God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

-from Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20

**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 CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, August 15**

9:15 a.m.  
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10:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

Children's Promotion Sunday, NCC  
Sunday School  
Worship Service, GH  
Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social,  
Amphitheater  
Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

**Monday, August 16**

7:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.

Men on First & Third, GH  
Caregiving, L/CR

**Tuesday, August 17**

4:30 p.m.

Cancer Support, L/CR

**Wednesday, August 18**

7:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building  
Meals on Wheels  
Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, August 22**

9:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday School  
Worship Service, GH  
Back to Youth Lunch  
Preschool Atrium Orientation

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## **Stewpot Food Pantry**

### **August 23**

Bob Boteler  
Milton Greenwood

### **August 24**

Bob Hardin  
Jim Hess  
Mary Taylor

### **August 25**

Bill Thompson  
Jean Welsh

### **August 26**

Sunny Fowler  
Jan McDonnical-Wilson

### **August 27**

Bob Boteler  
Marjorie Van Meter

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father"

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Ella Boykin

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Let us be present to the now. It's all we have and it's where God will always speak to us. Help us to be present to the place we're most afraid of, because it always feels empty, always feels boring, or always feels like it's not enough. Help us find some space within that we don't try to fill with ideas or opinions. Help us find space so you, loving God, can show yourself in that place where we are hungry and empty. Keep us out of the way, so there is always room enough for you. Amen.

-Richard Rohr, *Hope Against Darkness (adapted)*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,  
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;  
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Ella Boykin

The Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Larson

\*The Doxology

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel John 6:51-58 Charles Poole  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
The Anthem "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Hopson  
Shirley Foster, *soprano*  
The Sermon "On Making the Most of the Time" Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Now, let us do something beautiful for God.  
-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 710 "We Are Called to Be God's People" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole  
\*The Postlude "Come, Christians Join to Sing" Hayes

\**The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for August 15 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Proverbs 9:1-6 ~ page 516
- Psalms 34:9-14 ~ page 441
- Ephesians 5:15-20 ~ page 952
- John 6:51-58 ~ page 868

**Musician for today:**  
Tim Coker, *piano*

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, August 18**

**Cooks:** Rose Mary Porter  
Shirley Geary  
Jan Stewart  
**Drivers:** Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames  
Rt. 2 Thomas & Brooks Elfert

**Monday, August 23**

**Cooks:** Rebecca Black  
Polly Watkins  
Jean Welsh  
**Drivers:** Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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**Brumfield House**

**August 19**

Susan O'Mara

**August 26**

Bryan Bridges

**September 2**

Chuck Poole

**September 9**

Mike Peters

**September 16**

Kirk Sims

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**STEW POT FOOD PANTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Two volunteers are needed to work in the pantry from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. for each of the following days:**

Monday, October 18 through Wednesday,  
October 20, and Friday October 22

Please contact the church office, 601-982-4703 or  
*[lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org)*, or Bob Boteler  
if you would like to help, or have any questions.

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**"Requiem for the Living"**

**Sunday, August 29**

On Sunday evening, August 29, at five-thirty, the Northminster Choir will present Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*, in memory of all those for whom, because of the pandemic, we were not able to gather for funerals in the ways to which we are accustomed.

If you have friends who lost loved ones during the pandemic, and were not able to gather for funerals or memorial services in all the usual ways, please invite them to join us, in the sanctuary, at close of day on August 29, as we remember, together, to the rhythms of the Requiem, all of those who have preceded us into the nearer presence of God.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Backpack Blessing:** Today, 5:30 p.m., Amphitheater  
Ice Cream Social and Backpack Blessing.

**Back to Youth:** Sunday, August 29  
Youth family fellowship.

**First Sunday in Youth House:** September 12, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday nights resume.

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**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!**  
**Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social**  
**Today**  
**5:00 p.m. ~ Amphitheater**

This year, the Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social will be outside. The Blessing of the Backpacks will be in the amphitheater and the ice cream will be set up for indoor serving and outdoor consumption. If it rains, we will move the Blessing of the Backpacks back to the Great Hall and use social distancing while we enjoy ice cream.

If you have questions, please contact Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org))

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***PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION***  
**Sunday, August 22 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

Three year-olds through kindergartners who plan to participate in Atrium this fall are strongly encouraged to attend atrium orientation with their parents.

If this is your child's first year to participate in Atrium, this is an important introduction to the Atrium for both of you, and if your child is returning to the Atrium, this is an opportunity to refresh the children's memories and help parents understand the structure of the Atrium.

*Preschool Atrium will resume on  
September 12 at 5:00 p.m. with all other  
regular children's activities.*

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**Nursery Re-opening**  
We have resumed offering childcare  
during the worship service.

**Please contact the church office or Lesley Ratcliff**  
**([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) with questions.**

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**August 22**  
**Firecrackers**  
Rebecca and Brooks Vance  
**Sparklers**  
Jennifer and Christian Byrd

**August 29**  
**Firecrackers**  
TBA  
**Sparklers**  
TBA

**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:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Melissa Robinson and Mike Kitchell on the birth of their daughter, Cicely Jean Kitchell. CeCe is also welcomed by her brother, Wyatt, and grandparents, Charles and Lee Parrott.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Luke, Jake and Matt Warren on the death of their father, Jim Warren.

Libby McGee is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Robbie Cross    | Sue Edwards   | Robyn Chunn       |
| Ann Vickery     | R.W. McCarley | Virginia Hamilton |
| Pat Walston     | Jack Cochran  | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Vivian Thompson | Martha Collum | Roxanne Aldridge  |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Twelfth 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.

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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 Jeff Stancill.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Ginger Parham and Elizabeth Boone.

The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for August are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley,

Susan Burnham, Sylvia Carraway and Lida Caraway.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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*The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Cicely Jean Kitchell.  
The proud parents are Melissa Robinson and Mike Kitchell.*