



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send and who will go for us?”
Then I said, “Here am I. Send me.”

- Isaiah 6:8

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 12, 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

"I the Lord God have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release those from the dungeon, those who sit in darkness."

-Isaiah 42:6-7

Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness" Bach

The Call to Worship "Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come" Hopson
*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has ris'n upon you.
Alleluia.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 20: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

*The Litany of Praise Richard Joiner

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: We will ascribe to the Lord the glory due the name of the Lord.
We will worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is majestic.

People: The Lord gives strength to the people of God.

All: In the temple of God all cry, "Glory"; all glory be to God.

-Psalm 29, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Richard Joiner

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"Want to lift a day from the manacles of boredom? Do overgenerous deeds; act beyond reimbursement. Kindness without compensation; do a deed for which you cannot be repaid."

-Max Lucado, *adapted*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 578: "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" BEACH SPRING

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Manz

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for January 12 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 42:1-9 ~ pages 584-585

Psalm 29 ~ page 438

Acts 10:34-43 ~ page 895

Matthew 3:13-17 ~ pages 784-785

THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Presentation of the Candidates for Installation and Ordination

Crisler Boone, Stewart Boone, John England
Amy Finkelberg, Paul Smith, Rebecca Wiggs

The Charge to the Candidates

Pastor: Crisler, Stewart, John, Amy, Paul and Rebecca, you have been turned to, by the family of faith, to serve the church in a special way. Do you trust in Jesus Christ as head of the church? Do you accept the meaning and power of the biblical witness in your lives; and do you believe that the Christian church has a mission relevant to the needs and challenges of our time?

Deacons: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Will you seek to serve the church with energy, intelligence, imagination, love, tolerance, and good humor?

Deacons: Yes, we will.

The Charge to the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, members of Northminster Baptist Church, accept these new deacons, to lead us in the work of Christ?

People: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Do you promise to support them with your encouragement, prayers, and Christian love?

People: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Please join your hearts and voices in the church's prayer for these deacons:

Unison: Almighty God, in every time you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these whom you have called to serve in our midst. Grant them the necessary gifts to do the work. Make them wise and faithful, humble and prophetic, patient and persevering, glad to be what they are and expecting much from their life of service in the church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

Crisler Boone, John England

The Pronouncement

Charles Poole

Pastor: Crisler and John, you are now deacons. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Christ, giving thanks to God. Claim your ministry. Rejoice in the work you have been given. Lead us into the future with hope. *Amen.*

The Presentation of Towels and Certificates

Kirk Sims

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Come with what you have. For you who have come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God. Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 186: "Wise Men, They Came to Look" *WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*

*The Offertory Prayer

Richard Joiner

The Offertory "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away"

Bach

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

Schutte

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 hear my light to them?

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.

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,
My hand will save. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: