



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Do not abandon yourself to despair.
We are Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.
-Saint Pope John Paul II

*NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211*

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Resurrection of the Lord**

April 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

Today, we remember not only Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the past, but also Christ's entry in the future.

-Unknown

The Prelude "Lamb of God Unspotted" Bach

*The Processional Hymn No. 234 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *EASTER HYMN*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*The Placement of the Paraments

*The Return of the Pascal (Christ) Candle Kayla Jernigan

*The Litany of Praise Kirk Sims

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Kirk Sims

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in honor of:

Chuck and Marcia Poole by Jo Ann Welch

Elta Johnston, Gloria Martin and Diann Arinder by Jo Ann Welch

Jean and James Kelley Williams by Kelley, M'lee, Jake, Zach, Anna Kate and Luke Williams

Kelley and M'Lee Williams and children by Jean and Kelley Williams

George and Amy Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams

Cliff and Stacey Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in memory of:

Scotty Welch by Jo Ann Welch
Clementine B. Palmer by John Palmer
John N. Palmer, Jr. by John Palmer
Matthew R. Palmer by John Palmer
Dr. John B. Milam by Sherry and Amanda Milam
J. Clifford and Martha Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Kyra Robertson Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Behm by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robertson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Tracey R. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Jim Hendrick by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak
Ron Kopernak by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak
Ethan Clark by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak
Dr. Henry H. Webb by Barbara Webb

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Thus says the Lord, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."
-Jeremiah 31:3

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"Today God's Only Son Arose"

Bach

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
Rose Mary Porter, *soprano*

Kimbrough

The Sermon

"Easter in Exile"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

Take a stroll out to the hill. Out to Calvary. Out to the cross where, with holy blood, the hand that placed us on the planet wrote the promise, "God would give up God's only Son before God would give up on us."

-Six Hours One Friday

*The Recessional Hymn No. 243 "Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"Toccata"

Widor

***The congregation will please stand.**

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

Jeremiah 31:1-6 ~ page 641

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ pages 492-493

Acts 10:34-43 ~ page 895

John 20:1-18 ~ pages 882-883

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Walt and John Tagliamonte on the birth of their son, John Alan Tagliamonte, Jr. Alan is also welcomed by Alan and Carrie Ann Stallings.

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 Easter Sunday, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season of Eastertide.

Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

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 Rebecca Wiggs.  
The Caregiving Chair for April is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Jean Welsh.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Mary Jane Ridgway.  
The Liturgist for April is Joe D. Rankin.  
The Flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly, Joe D. Rankin, Kandy Sims, and Jan Stewart.  
The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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The Worship and Music Committee has prepared a personal and family worship guide for Lent, entitled "*A Lenten Journey, 2020.*" You can download the booklet on the Northminster website.

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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of John Alan Tagliamonte, Jr. The proud parents are Ann Walt and John Tagliamonte.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the (Virtual) Youth House:**

Join us on Sunday nights at 5pm via Zoom. Contact Major for the link.

**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.

**Contact Major at:**

[major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)

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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 if you would like the Zoom link.

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*The church office will be closed Monday, April 13.  
For pastoral care emergencies please call (601) 259-7993.*

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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 Ratchiff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

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