

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

-Corrie ten Boom

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday of Eastertide**  
April 19, 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

“The life of faith is a life of gratitude - a life in which we are willing to experience our complete dependence upon God and to praise and thank God unceasingly for the gift of being.”

-Henri Nouwen

The Prelude “Christ Is Risen” Pethel

\*The Processional Hymn No. 254 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” *ODE TO JOY*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forever more,  
Jesus Christ the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
there in all the Father’s glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;  
now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

\*The Litany of Praise Kimberly Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Breathe upon us, Lord Christ;

**People: The breath of love and peace,**

Leader: The breath of perfect love,

**All: The breath of the Spirit of God.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Kimberly Blount

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 16  
I Peter 1:3-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Escape Zoom (part 2):**

**Friday night at 7:30 p.m.** We will keep following the clues to try and find the treasure. Contact Major for the link.

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

**Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m.**, like a normal Sunday night, but on Zoom. Contact Major for the link.

**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](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.

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| Pastor                                      | Charles Poole             |
| Associate Pastor for Children and Adults    | Lesley Ratcliff           |
| Associate Pastor for Students               | Major Treadway            |
| Minister of Music                           | Tim Coker                 |
| Organist                                    | Sheila Hess               |
| Organist Emeritus                           | Billy Trotter             |
| Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant | Leslie Ward               |
| Financial Secretary                         | Sam South                 |
| Receptionist/Secretary                      | Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley |
| Sexton                                      | Lamenais Simeon           |

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**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Lara Ashley Root Coleman, a member of Northminster since 1996. Christian sympathy is extended to Bo Coleman, Smith Coleman, Jack Root, Lindy Root and all of Lara Ashley’s loved ones and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Jan and Daron Wilson, 5870 Baxter Drive, Jackson MS 39211, and Sunny and David Fowler, 870 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 2E, New York NY 10065, on the death of Jan and Sunny’s uncle, Frank Betts.

**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 Second Sunday 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.



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 Paul Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Jean Welsh.

The Caregiver of the Week is Faye Barham.

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.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Let us open ourselves completely to your voice; the voice which tells us that God is love, and in Christ all things are new. Renew us. Restore us.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Burkhardt

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”  
Suzy Haynes, *soprano*

Kimbrough

The Sermon

“Concerning Our One Another Faith”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“All God asks is that we trust God, that we stand before God in integrity and faith.”  
-Charles R. Swindoll

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 247 “The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “all hail” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!  
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Powell

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

**The Lectionary passages for April 19 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Acts 2:14, 22-32 ~ pages 885-886  
Psalm 16 ~ pages 430-431  
I Peter 1:3-9 ~ page 983  
John 20:19-31 ~ page 883