

GOOD FRIDAY

The Service of Darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Christ, and is based on the ancient Tenebrae. Dating from the eighth century, Tenebrae was originally observed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. It represents the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified.

The candles serve as symbols of Christ, the Light of the World. Their progressive light at Advent symbolizes the coming of the Light. Their diminishing light on Good Friday portrays the fading of the Light as Christ was dying on the cross.

Following each reading of Scripture, a different element of worship is removed. This is the "stripping of the altar"; a symbol of the barrenness Christians encounter upon the death of Jesus.

The Paschal Candle will be extinguished and will remain hidden until it is returned to the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.



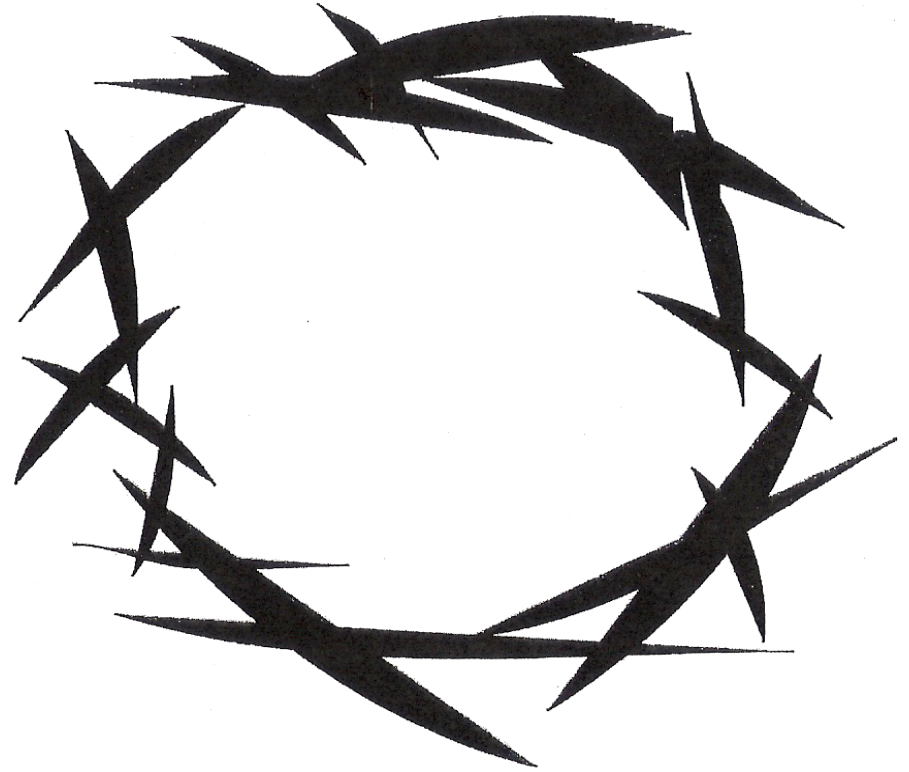
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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April 10, 2020

Seven o'clock

The Prelude "Adagio" Bach

*The Silent Processional

The Gathering and Invocation Charles Poole

TENEBRAE

The First Reading Major Treadway John 3:14-17
Luke 23:33-34

First candle extinguished.

The First Meditation "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*
*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace*

The Second Reading Lesley Ratcliff John 14:1-6
Luke 23:39-43
Second candle extinguished.

The Second Meditation "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS LOVE*
*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

The Third Reading Charles Poole Luke 2:25-35
John 19:25-27
Third candle extinguished.

The Third Meditation "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS LOVE*
*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

The Fourth Reading Major Treadway Psalm 22:1-11
Matthew 27:28-46
Fourth candle extinguished.

The Fourth Meditation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *HAMBURG*

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

The Fifth Reading Lesley Ratcliff Psalm 22:14-18
John 19:28

Fifth candle extinguished.

The Fifth Meditation "Ah, Holy Jesus" *HERZLIEBSTER JESU*
*Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!*

The Sixth Reading Charles Poole John 17:1-5
John 19:29-30
Sixth candle extinguished.

The Sixth Meditation "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *ST. CHRISTOPHER*
*Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

The Seventh Reading Major Treadway Psalm 31:1-5
Luke 23:44-46
Seventh candle extinguished.

The Seventh Meditation "Were You There?" *WERE YOU THERE*
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

The Song of the Suffering Servant Lesley Ratcliff Isaiah 53:2-7

The Organ "Jesus Is Nailed on the Cross" Dupré

The Removal of the Paschal (Christ) Candle

*The Silent Recessional

**The congregation will please stand.*

(Please exit in silence.)

The Usher
Emma Kate Poole