

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

There are two of me
One does the right thing
One cannot see
Standing back to back
Who is the strong one
In the last act
Every path I take
Roads I go down
Choices I make
Take me right between
Patches of light and
Darkness in me

We have to keep
A watch on our shadows
Every move
They secretly make
We try to be
So close to heaven
But then our shadows
They run away
They pull us away

-Amy Grant/Karen Peris/Don Peris, *"Shadows"*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 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.

The Meditation of Preparation

Discovering the truth about ourselves is the work of a lifetime, but it's worth the effort.

-Fred Rogers, *You Are Special*

The Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Manz

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

While we are not singing at this time, the words to the processional and recessional hymns are printed in our order of worship for us to read silently.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother - all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*The Litany of Praise Wilson Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God.

People: Let us praise the Holy One who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies, the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.

Leader: Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people, and who declared, without hesitation, "It is good."

All: Come, let us worship God.

-Mary Sue Gast, *Flames of the Spirit*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Wilson Stribling

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

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STUDENT NEWS:

Water Games - Monday, July 6, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Come dressed in clothes you can get wet. Meet on the Youth House lawn. Bring a healthy spirit of competition.

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**2020 Family Camp**

July 13-17, 2020 Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, North Carolina

Families will travel together and stay together at Rockmont, where we will enjoy Rockmont's many activities, outdoor worship, family meals, porch sitting and more!

The cost per family is \$1000, plus transportation and meals in transit, plus one evening meal. Scholarship money is available.

Though the deadline has passed, please contact Major Treadway ([major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)) or Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) if your family would like to go.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CAR PICNIC

We will park cars in a circle in the back parking lot. Children, and their grownups, will bring a picnic, sit in the back of their car or in camp chairs behind their car and enjoy lunch or dinner with one another. The church will provide popsicles for dessert.

Children will participate with their 2019-2020 class:

Third and Fourth Grade – July 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fifth and Sixth Grade – July 8, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hope you can come join the fun!

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, July 6**

**Cooks:**

Annette Hitt  
Rebecca Black  
Lisa Cobb

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean and Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy and Jeff Davis

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Brumfield House

July 9

Joe Sims

July 16

Gayla Purvis

July 23

Scott Wilson

July 30

Kirk Sims

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

All of us share in the sin of humankind that separates us from God, others, and our own best selves. We also have available to us the free gift of God's grace. Let us once again seek that gift as we remember and renounce our failure.

-Lavon Bayler, *Fresh Winds of the Spirit*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"Be Thou My Vision"

Wood

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"The Lord Is My Light"

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Jack McDaniel, *baritone*

The Sermon

"On Becoming Who We Want to Be"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

Life's like a movie, write your own ending

Keep believing, keep pretending

We've done just what we set out to do

Thanks to the lovers, the dreamers, and you.

-Kermit the Frog & the Muppets, *The Muppet Movie*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Callahan

**The congregation will please stand.*


The Lectionary passages for July 5 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Psalm 145:8-14 ~ page 506
- Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ page 773
- Romans 7:15-25a ~ page 918
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 ~ page 792

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Jimmy and Kari Wooley Vance on the birth of their daughter, Laura Katherine Vance. Katie is also welcomed by Becca Vance, John and Becky Wooley, Jordan, Lee Wooley, Campbell and Maggie Russell, Adam and Marie Stewart, Bo and Ginger Wooley, Dudley and Julie Wooley, Kyle and Gates Skene, Clay and Helen Wooley, and John Burton Wooley.

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Joe Lee, an active member since 1985. Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Lee and to all of Joe's family and friends.

Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.

Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

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

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fifth 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 Gayla Purvis.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Nancy Bourn.

The Caregivers of the Week are Betty Brown Edgar and Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for July is Gray Jackson.

The Flowers for July are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Lynda Street and Jane Claire Williams.

The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

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Plants For Church Grounds

With so many of us spending more time at home and working in our gardens, I thought it would be a good time to ask for plants you have that you may be thinning out.

Some of the specific plants we would like to have are: *Hostas, Wood Ferns, Autumn Ferns, Swamp Irises*, perennials like *Daisies, Mexican Petunias, Irises, Black-Eyed Susans*, etc. Please call Joe D. Rankin, Chair, Landscaping and Grounds, 601-942-9356.