



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”

-Matthew 7:5

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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

If the judgement of God is favorable, we shall have no fear; if unfavorable, no hope that it is wrong. We shall not only believe, we shall know, that as the Judge has said, so we are: neither more, nor less, nor other. We shall perhaps even realize that in some dim fashion we could have known it all along.

-C.S. Lewis, *adapted*

The Prelude "Rhosymedre" Williams

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 317 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *OLD HUNDRETH*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

*The Litany of Praise Pam Steadman

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously.

People: The Lord is our strength and might, and has become our salvation.

Leader: The Lord is our God, and we will exalt the Lord.

People: The right hand of God is glorious in power.

Leader: The Lord made the surging waters stand straight up like a wall, and saved the people.

People: The Lord is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and performs great wonders.

All: Sing to the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously.

-The Song of Moses, *adapted*
Exodus 15

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:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House:

7th-9th grade: 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the amphitheater

10th-12th grade: 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the deck

Join us at the Youth House for a shared meal, games, songs, lesson and prayer.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, September 16**

**Cooks:**

Shari Culver  
Jo Ann Welch  
Carolyn McIntyre

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Gwen & Joe Schmelzer  
Rt. 2 Sylvia Carraway &  
David McNair

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Brumfield House

September 17

Jeff Stancill

September 24

Scott Wilson

October 1

Jeff Wilson

October 8

Joe Sims

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Pam Steadman

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God of the universe, who considers every person on earth your child, we confess that we have often ignored the ancient scriptural instruction to do justice, love kindness, and, especially, to walk humbly. Guide us as we seek a gentler and more respectful path, to retain the passion to right the wrongs we see, as Zechariah tells us, “not by might, nor by power” but by your spirit living in us.

-Jim Melchiorre, *The Business of Heaven*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“Praise to the Lord”

Callahan

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”
Cecelia Stearman, *mezzo-soprano*
Ausra Jasineviciute, *viola*

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The Sermon

“Concerning Judgement”

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

-Micah 6:8

*The Recessional Hymn No. 710 "We Are Called to Be God's People" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "God of Grace" Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for September 13 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Exodus 14:19-31 ~ pages 53-54
- Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 ~ pages 54-55
- Romans 14:1-12 ~ pages 923-924
- Matthew 18:21-35 ~ page 800

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Sarah Reynolds on the death of her father, Jerry Reynolds.

Mary Elizabeth Smith is recovering after surgery.

Mary Ashley Adkins is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Linda McGehee	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Merle Dean	Robyn Chunn	R.W. McCarley
Pat Walston	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Martha Collum	Nancy Herrin
Roxanne Aldridge	Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee

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 Fifteenth 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 Steve Cook.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for September are Bob Crisler and Kurt Metzner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Sheila Nicholas and M'lee Williams.

The Liturgist for September is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for September are provided by John Tingle.

The Ushers for September are the Usher Co-Chairs.

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