



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“A person is only as good as what he or she loves.”

-Saul Bellow

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

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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

“Love is the fulfilling of the law.”
-Romans 13:10

The Prelude “This Is My Father’s World” Page

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 802 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” *HOLY MANNA*

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down:
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior—tell them that he will be found:
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Let us pause before our Maker and in silence hear his voice;
Christ the Living Word now meets us; in his truth let us rejoice.
What we are should not appall us for his mercy meets us here;
we are now made one in Jesus, may our worship be sincere.
Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then he’ll call us home to heaven, at his table we’ll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

*The Litany of Praise Gwen Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Leader: Praise the Lord with song.
People: The Lord delights in God’s people, and adorns the humble with victory.
Leader: Let the faithful rejoice in God’s honor.
People: Let the faithful sing God’s praises.
All: Let the praises of God’s people be pleasing to the ears of the Lord.

-Psalm 149, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Gwen Anderson

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	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
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STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House:

NOTE: We will not meet tonight, but will resume Sunday, September 13th.

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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***Little Free Library***

In June, the Yellow Church summer camp staff welcomed a new addition to Wood Street—a brand new Little Free Library! This library holds books that are available to anyone in the community who would like to come by and grab one (or a few!). The library was thoughtfully and beautifully hand-painted by camp counselor D’Khyiah Matthews, and was mounted in front of the Yellow Church by Dennis Smith and Cade Carpenter.

*Thank you to everyone who donated books for the Little Free Library. At this time we have collected plenty of books to last us through Christmas. We may continue accepting donations after Christmas.*

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, September 7

<u>Cooks:</u>	<u>Drivers:</u>
Jean Welsh	Rt. 1 Tim & Becky Frame
Wanda Johnson	& Gayla Purvis
Susan O’Mara	Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan

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**Brumfield House**

**September 10**

Mike Peters

**September 17**

Jeff Stancill

**September 24**

Scott Wilson

**October 1**

Jeff Wilson

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Exodus 12:1-14  
Romans 13:8-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Steadfast God, as we experience a season of change in our life, a time of hellos and goodbyes, a time of questioning, a time of sacrifice, allow us to move through each season assured of your love and strengthened in faith.

-Melissa Tidwell, *Prayers for Courage*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

“Psalm 23”

Burkhardt

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“He Leadeth Me”  
Lester Senter Wilson, *alto*

Wood

The Sermon

“In Accordance With a Single Certainty”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”

-I Corinthians 13:13

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 “The Gift of Love”

*GIFT OF LOVE*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love: my words are vain;  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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

The Lectionary passages for September 6 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 12:1-14 ~ page 51  
Psalm 149 ~ page 508  
Romans 13:8-14 ~ page 923  
Matthew 18:15-20 ~ pages 799-800

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Mary Elizabeth Smith is recovering after surgery.

Mary Ashley Adkins is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

|                  |                 |                   |
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| 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 Fourteenth 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 Hart Wylie.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Annette Hitt.

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

The Caregiver of the Week is Rebecca Wiggs.

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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