



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Prelude "Awake, Awake for Night Is Flying" Bach

The Introit "Advent Message" How
Shirley Foster, *soprano*
Paz Naccari, *alto*
JJ Coker, *tenor*
Jack McDaniel, *baritone*

*The Processional Hymn No. 173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *ADESTE FIDELES*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal,
lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest";

Refrain:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning!
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain:

The Advent Banner Parkes Denton

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy Blaine Bridges

The Gathering and Invocation Lesley Ratcliff

THE FIRST LESSON God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. Wilson Stribling

-Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Carol 1 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Larkin
Jim Hess, *bass*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O holy spirit, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises bring:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Nora Etheridge

-Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Carol 2

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

Congregation

The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining
in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far,
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain:

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain:

THE THIRD LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Kurt Metzner

-Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

*Carol 3

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

Congregation

Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the savior is born.

Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE FOURTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

M’lee Williams

-Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol 4

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Praetorius

Shirley Foster, *soprano*

Paz Naccari, *alto*

JJ Coker, *tenor*

Jack McDaniel, *bass*

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow’ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To shew God’s love aright
She bore to men a Saviour
When half spent was the night.

THE FIFTH LESSON

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Ellie Caraway

-Luke 2:1, 3-7

Carol 5

“Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang”

Larkin

Lucy Elfert, *soprano*

Sweet was the song the virgin sang when she to Bethl’hem
Judah came and was delivered of a son, that blessed Jesus hath to name.
“Lulla, lullay, lulla, lullay, lullaby. sweet babe,” sang she;
“my son and now a Savior to us born, who has vouchsafed us from above,
to visit us that were forlorn.” “Lulla, lullay, lulla, lullay, lullaby,
sweet babe,” sang she, and gently rocked him on her knee.

THE SIXTH LESSON

The shepherds go to the manger.

Elise Williams

-Luke 2:8-16

*Carol 6 No. 152

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

Congregation

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain:

Come to Bethlehem, and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain:

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
sing with us our Savior’s birth.

Refrain:

THE SEVENTH LESSON

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Major Treadway

-John 1:1-14

Carol 7

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Walker

Cheryl Coker, *soprano*

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

When I was just a learner, I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way.
He made of me a watchman upon the city wall,
And if I am a Christian, I am the least of all.

Refrain:

While shepherds kept their watching over wandering flocks by night
Behold from out the Heavens, then shone a holy light.
The shepherds feared and trembled when high above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the Heavens will dance with delight,
for the beautiful Baby is born this night.

Refrain:

Congregation

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings
flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”

Hudson

**The congregation will please stand.*

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. The color purple reflects the Advent themes of confession and repentance as we “prepare the way of the Lord.”

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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 Nancy Smith.  
 The Caregiving Chair for December is Faye Barham.  
 The Caregiving Coordinators for December are the Co-Chairs.  
 The Caregivers of the Week are Sarah Reynolds and Gail England.  
 The Liturgist for December is Rush Miller.  
 The Flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly.  
 The Usher Captains for December are Keith Davis and Nancy Smith.

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The Worship and Music Committee has prepared
The Season of Advent Devotional Guide 2020.

These worship guides for personal and family worship are available throughout the church and a digital copy can be downloaded from the Northminster website during the Advent season.

Please feel free to take copies for your family and friends as needed.

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**NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE**

***Monday, December 14, is the last day to bring gifts.***

Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

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The church office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.
For pastoral care needs, please call 601-259-7993.

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**Coffee for Salt and Light**

If you are interested in Honduras coffee this year, please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590.  
The coffee is \$10 per bag. You can make checks payable to Salt and Light Ministry or pay cash.

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Brumfield House

December 17

Gray Jackson

December 24

Skipper Jernigan

December 31

Jeff Wilson

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, December 16**

**Cooks:**

Rose Mary Porter  
Shirley Geary  
Jan Stewart

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Kurt Metzner & Susie Friou  
Rt. 2 Brooks & Thomas Elfert

**Monday, December 28**

**Cooks:**

Ann Vickery  
Gail Poole  
Lawanna McLennan

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

**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 |
| Sexton/Custodian                            | Lamenais Simeon           |



**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 13**

10:30 a.m.      Worship Service/Lessons and Carols

**Monday, December 14**

8:30 a.m.      Caregiving Committee, Zoom

**Wednesday, December 16**

10:00 a.m.      Meals on Wheels

**Sunday, December 20**

10:30 a.m.      Worship Service

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