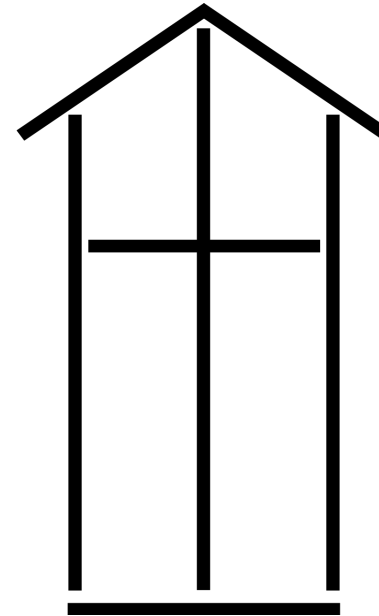


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

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 | Lamenais Simeon |



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

~~~~~  
**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 31**

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Youth Sunday, Livestream
- 3:00 p.m. Guys Game Day, Northminster Backyard
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,  
Preschool through 2nd Grade, Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Nights at the Youth House,  
7th-9th Grade, GH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Livestream
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,  
3rd through 6th Grade, Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Nights at the Youth House,  
10th-12th Grade, GH

**Monday, February 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Men on First and Third, GH
- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving Committee, Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Wednesday, February 3**

- 4:30 p.m. Preschool Play Date, Northminster Playground

**Sunday, February 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream
- 3:00 p.m. Girls' Scavenger Hunt, Northminster Playground
- 4:00 p.m. Super Bowl Pep Rally, Youth House Deck

God has shown God's people the power of God's works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.  
The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
all God's precepts are trustworthy.  
They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

-Psalm 111:6-8

Northminster Baptist Church  
3955 Ridgewood Road  
Jackson, MS 39211  
601-982-4703  
601-982-4705 FAX  
www.northminsterbaptist.org

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
January 31, 2021  
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

For there is always light.  
If only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it.

*-The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman*

The Prelude "Creator of the Stars of Night" Held

The Spoken Call to Worship Kimberly Blount

\*The Processional Hymn No. 20 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *ODE TO JOY*

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 Sarah Beth Greener

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company  
of those who do right, in the congregation of God's people.

**People: How amazing are the works of our God! They are treasured  
by all who love and serve God.**

Leader: Everything God does reveals God's glory and majesty. God's  
righteousness never fails.

**People: Who can forget the wonders God performs? How gracious  
and merciful is our God!**

**All: Praise God's name forever!**

*-Psalm 111, adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Sarah Beth Greener

The Greeting Kimberly Blount

**Preschool Play Date**  
**Wednesday, February 3**  
**4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Join us on the Northminster Playground for some fun!

**Girls' Scavenger Hunt**

**Sunday, February 7**  
**3:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

First through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to  
join us for a scavenger hunt and a snack.

We'll meet at the Northminster  
playground to start the hunt!

**The Northminster Directory**

Do you need to change your picture, address or other directory information?

Do you need an updated digital Northminster Directory?

Email Neely or Jan in the church office  
([neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) or [jan@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:jan@northminsterbaptist.org)).

We will update your listing and add you to the list to  
receive an updated digital directory a few times a year.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
**Monday, February 1**

**Cooks:**

Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady  
Patsy Caraway

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame/Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan

**Wednesday, February 17**

**Cooks:**

Missy Caver  
Judy Rankin  
Sara Hays

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Suzanne & Bill Boone

**Brumfield House**

**February 4**

Scott Wilson

**February 11**

Jimmy Allen

**February 18**

Ginger Parham

**February 25**

Bryan Bridges

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight in the Great Hall!**

7th-9th grade, 5:00-6:30pm; 10th-12th grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for good fellowship, good food, and good fun.

**Super Bowl Pre-Game Pep Rally: February 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m.,**

come for some games and snacks to get ready for the big game.

**Dessert Auction: February 14**

The auction will be different this year, but it's happening. You can participate by donating a dessert, recruiting someone to donate a dessert, helping with distribution on February 14 and more. Stay tuned for more details!

**Passport: June 12-18**

A wonderful week like no other. Sign ups coming soon.

**Mystery Trip: July 15-23**

Sign ups coming soon.

~~~~~

Adult Studies

Bible 101 with Dr. Roger Greene

Sundays, January 17-31 and February 14-28

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Adult Studies will be livestreamed from the Sanctuary.

Tonight Dr. Greene will help us rethink the Ministry of Paul, dig deeper into the themes of Paul's letters and examine several significant passages from Paul's writings.

Handouts for tonight's session will be available at northminsterbaptist.org > Watch Live >

[Click Here for the Worship Service Bulletin](#)

On **February 14, 21 and 28**, Dr. Greene will lead us through a deeper study of Ephesians. We hope that you will join us for this wonderful opportunity for study!

~~~~~

**Sunday Night Children's Zooms**

The children will be meeting via Zoom for fellowship and Bible study through January 31.

**Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Sunday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sunday from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley Ratcliff

([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org)) for the Zoom link.

~~~~~

Guys' Game Day

Today

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

First through 6th grade guys are invited to join us for games and a snack in Northminster's backyard!

The Lessons

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Andrew Oakes

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

This is the message we have heard from God and declare to you: God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with God and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar and the word of God is not in us.

-1 John 1:5-10

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hawthorne Cleveland

The Meditation

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

Manz

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Ella Jane Simmons

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

Hopson

Lucy Elfert and Madyson Strum, *sopranos*

The Sermon

Rosemary Hicks

Katie White

TIME OF RESPONSE

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is the Lord who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

-Psalm 121:7-8

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world,
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

*In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain:

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain:

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"God of Grace"

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for January 31 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ~ page 153
- Psalm 111 ~ page 490
- I Corinthians 8:1-13 ~ pages 930-931
- Mark 1:21-28 ~ pages 812-813


Today is Northminster's annual Youth Sunday. We are grateful for our youth group members who have led us in worship today and prepared liturgy. Thanks be to God for our youth group members and for their leaders.

Youth Liturgists:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Cover Meditation | Milton Greenwood |
| Meditation of Preparation | Katie Pace |
| Litany of Praise | Betsy Van Meter |
| Meditation of Confession | Kaylee Ashford |
| Time of Response | Katie Pace |

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Leland Speed on January 27. Leland was a Charter Member of Northminster. Christian sympathy is extended to Bessie Speed. And also to Stewart Speed, Forrest Speed, and Warren Speed and their families.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Eddie Guillot and his family on the death of Eddie's father, Eddie Guillot, Sr.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Lisa and Marty Cobb, and all of their family, on the death of Lisa's step-father, Colonel Henry Green.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Lee and Kathryn Sams on the death of Lee's mother, Mary Helen Sams, and also to Becker, Weatherly, Farren and Lawson Sams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brooks and Rebecca Vance on the birth of Samuel Page Vance. Samuel is also welcomed by Baron, Mae and Olivia Vance.

Robyn Chunn is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

Eda Jackson is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

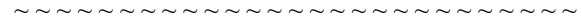
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.



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 Skipper Jernigan.
- The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
- The Caregiving Chair for February is Faye Barham.
- The Caregiving Coordinators for January are Susan O'Mara and Susie Friou.
- The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Ann Lauman.
- The Caregivers of the Week are Sophie Braswell and Mary Eliza McMillan.
- The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.
- The Liturgist for February is Linda McGehee.
- The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.
- The Flowers for February are provided by Sylvia Carraway and Susan Burnham.
- The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.
- The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.



The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Samuel Page Vance. The proud parents are Brooks and Rebecca Vance.