



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Our human choice is never between pain and no pain, but, rather, between the pain of loving and the pain of not loving.

-Father Joseph Gallaher

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

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 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

Following Christ has nothing to do with success as the world sees success. It has to do with love.

-Madeleine L'Engle

The Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Larson

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in
what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again: gladly forever adore him.

*The Litany of Praise Marcia Poole

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

People: Lord hear our voices!

Leader: If the Lord kept a record of our sins, who could stand?

People: But with the Lord, there is forgiveness, so that the Lord may be revered.

Leader: We wait for the Lord, and we put our hope in the word of the Lord.

People: We wait for the Lord more than those who wait for the morning.

All: Our hope is in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and redemption.

-Psalm 130, *adapted*

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

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 8

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, GH

Monday, August 9

8:30 a.m.

Caregiving, L/CR

Wednesday, August 11

7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

5:30 p.m.

Delta Hands for Hope Walk,

Northminster Parking Lot

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15

9:15 a.m.

Children's Promotion Sunday, NCC

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, GH

5:00 p.m.

Annual Hymn Sing, Backpack Blessing,

Ice Cream Social, GH

Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

6:45 p.m.

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**STEW POT FOOD PANTRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Two volunteers are needed to work in the pantry from
9:15 to 11:15 a.m. for each of the following days:**

Monday, October 18 through Wednesday,
October 20, and Friday October 22

Please contact the church office, 601-982-4703 or
lward@northminsterbaptist.org, or Bob Boteler
if you would like to help, or have any questions.

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**Stewpot Food Pantry**

**August 23**

Bob Boteler  
Milton Greenwood

**August 24**

Bob Hardin  
Mary Taylor

**August 25**

Bill Thompson  
Jean Welsh

**August 26**

Sunny Fowler  
Jan McDonnical-Wilson

**August 27**

Bob Boteler  
Marjorie Van Meter

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Nursery Re-opening

We have resumed offering childcare
during the worship service.

**Please contact the church office or Lesley Ratcliff
(leslev@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions.**

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**Brumfield House**

**August 12**

Jimmy Allen

**August 19**

Susan O'Mara

**August 26**

Bryan Bridges

**September 2**

Chuck Poole

**September 9**

Mike Peters

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Marcia Poole

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Our life is full of brokenness - broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live with that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful, except by returning again and again to God's faithful presence in our lives?  
-Henri Nouwen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 48 "God of Creation, All-Powerful, All-Wise" *SLANE*

God of creation, all powerful, all wise,  
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,  
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,  
we are your children—you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years  
you are the One in whom history coheres;  
nations and empires, your purpose fulfill,  
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,  
called out your Church from the ends of the earth,  
still you are Savior—put darkness to flight;  
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast—  
do for us now as you've done in the past!  
Yours is the Kingdom—your triumph we claim,  
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in you,  
Covenant-God, ever faithful and true;  
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,  
now and forever your name be adored!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Marcia Poole

The Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Forrest

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"The Greatest of These Is Love"  
Amanda Milam, *soprano*

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The Sermon

"Concerning David and Absalom"

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain. The greatest pain comes from leaving. When the child leaves home, when the husband or wife leaves for a long period of time or for good, when the beloved friend departs to another country or dies ... the pain of the leaving can tear us apart. Still, if we want to avoid the suffering of leaving, we will never experience the joy of loving. And love is stronger than fear, life stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of loving is always worth taking.

-Henri Nouwen

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 659 "A Charge to Keep I Have" *BOYLSTON*

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
a never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!  
Arm me with watchful care as in thy sight to live,  
and now thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!  
Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee rely,  
O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.

\*The Benediction *Charles Poole*

\*The Postlude "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" *Sullivan*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for August 8 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 ~ pages 255-256
- Psalm 130 ~ page 500
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2 ~ page 951
- John 6:35, 41-51 ~ page 868

**Rising First Graders**

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first "official" entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class!

**On Sunday, August 22, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.** Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take a more in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal, talk about why we worship, and create worship bags.

Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

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PRESCHOOL ATRIUM ORIENTATION
Sunday, August 22 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Three year-olds through kindergartners who plan to participate in Atrium this fall are strongly encouraged to attend atrium orientation with their parents.

If this is your child's first year to participate in Atrium, this is an important introduction to the Atrium for both of you, and if your child is returning to the Atrium, this is an opportunity to refresh the children's memories and help parents understand the structure of the Atrium.

*Preschool Atrium will resume on
September 12 at 5:00 p.m. with all other
regular children's activities.*

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**August 15**  
**Firecrackers**  
Olivia Champion and Karen Treadway  
**Sparklers**  
Barrie and Eddie Mahaffey

**August 22**  
**Firecrackers**  
Rebecca and Brooks Vance  
**Sparklers**  
Jennifer and Christian Byrd

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MEALS ON WHEELS
Wednesday, August 18

Cooks: Rose Mary Porter
Shirley Geary
Jan Stewart
Drivers: Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames
Rt. 2 Thomas & Brooks Elfert

Monday, August 23
Cooks: Rebecca Black
Polly Watkins
Jean Welsh
Drivers: Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

STUDENT NEWS:

On the Move with Delta Hands for Hope:

(50 Mile Challenge) - Between now and August 15, if you can walk, run, roll, swim, or stroll 50 miles, Northminster will donate \$15 dollars to Delta Hands for Hope and Together for Hope. You can do these miles on your own, but for those for whom some company would be helpful, some folks will be gathering at the church on Wednesday nights at 5:30 to walk together. If you would like to participate, send me an email or just show up Wednesday at 5:30.

Summer Challenge: Recite the books of the Bible in order to Major by Sunday, August 8. Completion of this challenge will result in a flood of serotonin in your brain and Chick-Fil-A gift card in your pocket (plus, you will no longer have to consult the table of contents to find a passage in the Bible).

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**CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT PROMOTION DAY**

**Sunday, August 15**

School is getting in gear and so are we! On Sunday, August 15, children will be promoted to their next grade level in Sunday School. Children will receive a postcard with the name of their Sunday School class before Promotion Sunday, and will be greeted at the desk in the children’s department and walked to their new classrooms.

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COMING SOON!

**Intergenerational Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing,
Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, August 15
5:00 p.m. ~ Great Hall**

If you would like to make homemade ice cream for this event, please contact Lesley Ratcliff (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

This will be livestreamed. Watch at northminsterbaptist.live.

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**On the Move with Delta Hands for Hope  
50 Mile Challenge**

This summer we have been walking, running, rolling, and strolling to raise money for Delta Hands for Hope and Together for Hope. Together for Hope is the CBF rural development coalition serving the 301 counties of persistent rural poverty in America and Delta Hands for Hope is our ministry partner in Shaw, MS.

You can do miles on your own, as well as join us for some fellowship and fun on Wednesday nights at 5:30. Bikes, strollers, and roller skates welcome!

The church will make a \$15 donation to Together for Hope for each person who completes the challenge.

If you’d like to participate, please contact [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up!

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CARE CARDS** may be found in the pew racks, if you would like to write anyone. Place your cards in the offering plate. Cards will be mailed from the church office on Monday morning.

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Libby McGee is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

|                 |               |                   |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Robbie Cross    | Sue Edwards   | Robyn Chunn       |
| Ann Vickery     | R.W. McCarley | Virginia Hamilton |
| Pat Walston     | Jack Cochran  | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Vivian Thompson | Martha Collum | Roxanne Aldridge  |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Eleventh 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 August is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Kurt and Dianne Metzner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Rebecca Wiggs and Susan O’Mara.

The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for August are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley, Susan Burnham, Sylvia Carraway and Lida Caraway.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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**“Requiem for the Living”  
Sunday, August 29**

On Sunday evening, August 29, at five-thirty, the Northminster Choir will present Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living*, in memory of all those for whom, because of the pandemic, we were not able to gather for funerals in the ways to which we are accustomed.

If you have friends who lost loved ones during the pandemic, and were not able to gather for funerals or memorial services in all the usual ways, please invite them to join us, in the sanctuary, at close of day on August 29, as we remember, together, to the rhythms of the Requiem, all of those who have preceded us into the nearer presence of God.