



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

O wind that sways  
no branches,  
fire that does not burn,  
unimaginable light  
that does not blind,  
fountain of life  
that has no end,  
river of joy,  
flawless mirror  
of God's power,  
kind laughing agent  
of God's mirth,  
gentle consolation  
of God's mercy,  
O Holy Spirit of God,  
abide with your people;  
come to us now...

-Garth House

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 10, 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**

“Solitude, silence, and prayer are often the best ways to self-knowledge. Not because they offer solutions for the complexity of our lives but because they bring us in touch with our sacred center, where God dwells. That sacred center may not be analyzed. It is the place of adoration, thanksgiving, and praise.”

-Henri J. M. Nouwen

The Prelude “Aria on a Chaconne” Martinson

The Call to Worship “God’s Got the Whole World” Miller

*God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.  
God has you and me in those hands.*

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.

**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
Wider Net Ministry Coordinator	Rosaline McCoy

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 10**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baptism
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream

**Monday, October 11**

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
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**Wednesday, October 13**

7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Sunday, October 17**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Sanctuary & Livestream
6:45 p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

OCTOBER 13 - 5:30 P.M. - GREAT HALL

\$5.00 per person; Maximum of \$20 per family  
No reservations needed.

### Menu:

Baked Catfish ~ Savory Green Salad ~ Bow Tie Pasta Salad  
Tomato Tart ~ Rolls ~ Iced Tea ~ Banana Pudding

**Servers:** Dea Dea Baker, Hilda Boteler, Joe Rankin

**Cashier:** Mary Lee

**The Northminster Fellowship Committee  
invites you to Wednesday Night Suppers  
each week at 5:30 p.m. in The Great Hall**

Whether you're new to Northminster or a long-standing member,  
Wednesday Night Supper is a great way to make it through the week!

Bring your family and friends to Wednesday Night Suppers and enjoy the delicious home-cooked meal and uplifting message presented each week. The best health and safety recommendations available are followed to serve the meals and offer a pleasant experience. At \$5 per plate, this is the best bargain in town for a wonderful meal.

(Child care is provided.)

# Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 27

5:30—7:00 p.m.

~ **Face Painting ~ Giant Slide ~ Games ~**  
~ **Cookout ~ Cupcake Walk ~ Pumpkin Painting ~**

**Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.**

Children of all ages are invited to join us in the "backyard" of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the youth house. *No Charge.*

***If it rains, meet in the Great Hall.***

Non-Scary Costumes Preferred.

***FUN FOR EVERYONE!***

\*The Litany of Praise

Christopher Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: How do we seek the kingdom of God?

**People: We search our pockets and offer what we have.**

Leader: It is not enough - offering what is convenient.

**People: We search our actions - reconciling relationships and asking forgiveness.**

Leader: It is not enough - excusing known wrongs when our God sees the silent intentions of our hearts.

**People: We search our calendars - offering our time and serving those in need.**

Leader: It is not enough - giving what remains.

**People: As mere mortals, our attempts are not enough.**

Leader: But here we are reminded -

**All: All may seem impossible, but for God all things are possible.  
Amen.**

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Christopher Wiggs

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Milton Greenwood

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Milton, we share in your joy today. Your profession of "Jesus is Lord" has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ's example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ's service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 21 "How Great Thou Art!"

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout, the universe displayed.

**Refrain:**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Refrain:**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

**Refrain:**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."

**Refrain:**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Christopher Wiggs

The Offertory

"Sarabande"

Handel

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Sing Unto God"

Handel

Sing unto God. Let joyful voices raise a song of gladness with unending praise.

The Sermon

"Concerning Job's Wish to Vanish"

Charles Poole

**COMMITMENT**

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:** Tonight, 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer, and fellowship.

**Halloween Party at the Youth House:**

**Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m.** Scary awesome!

**Brumfield House**

**October 14   October 21   October 28**

Crisler Boone   Tom Starling   Josh Poole

**ADULT STUDIES**

*All sessions will take place Sunday Evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary unless otherwise specified, and will also be livestreamed.*

**The History and Practices of Denominations**

**Tonight**

Chuck will explore the early history of denominations.

**October 17 & 24, 2021**

A panel of clergy from different denominations will help us explore a range of denominational thought & our common ground.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**October 17, 2021**

**Firecrackers**

Drew & Natalie Levanway

**Sparklers**

Mitch & Ceejaye Peters

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Wednesday, October 20**

**Cooks**

Judy Rankin

Sara Hays

Missy Caver

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1   Suzan & Tommy Thames

Rt. 2   Bill & Suzanne Boone

**Monday, October 25**

**Cooks:**

Gail England

Ann Calhoun

Kelly Hicks

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1   Luke Dove & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2   Kay Allen & Geri Smith

***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, October 19***

***3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

Children who have a birthday in October are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

**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:**

Anne Brawley is hospitalized at Baptist.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Shea Pribyl, Lois Montague’s husband.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Twentieth 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 Skipper Jernigan.  
The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Steve and Melissa Godbold.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Sheila Nicholas and Annette Hitt.  
The Liturgist for October is Holly Wiggs.  
The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street and John Tingle.  
The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

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**TIME OF RESPONSE**

As the rain hides the stars, as the autumn mist hides the hills, as the clouds veil the blue of the sky, so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of your face from me. Yet, if I may hold your hand in the darkness, it is enough. Since I know that though I may stumble in my going, you do not fall.

- Gaelic prayer

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 556 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” *ST. CATHERINE*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach,  
no tongue declare; O draw my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly thine  
alone, I am; be thou alone my constant flame.

O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure  
love alone; O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my  
heart remove; my every act, word, thought, be love.

In suffering be thy love my peace, in weakness be thy  
love my power; and when the storms of life shall cease,  
O Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and  
staff and guide, and draw me safely to thy side!

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “Fanfare” Lemmens

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

**The Lectionary passages for October 10 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 ~ page 409  
Psalm 22:1-15 ~ pages 434-435  
Hebrews 4:12-16 ~ pages 972-973  
Mark 10:17-31 ~ pages 822-823

**Guest Musicians:**

Milena Rusanove, *violin*  
Shellie Kemp, *violin*  
Ausra Jasineviciute, *viola*  
Bennett Randman, *cello*