



### **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean –  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth  
instead of up and down –  
who is gazing around with her enormous  
and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms  
and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life? -Mary Oliver

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

# THE ACT OF WORSHIP

## The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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

What must it be like, I wondered, to put *hearing* God ahead of being heard?

-Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy*

The Prelude "Celebrate with Joy and Singing" Callahan

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. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;  
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.  
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

\*The Litany of Praise Heed Burnham

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O Lord, our God, you are robed with majesty and light!

**People: You stretched out the starry curtain of the heavens.**

Leader: You carved out the surface of the earth.

**People: Your messages are carried by the wind.**

Leader: The fire and the flame are appointed ambassadors.

**People: You created the earth and its firm foundations.**

Leader: You clothed the earth with waters and mountains.

**People: You spoke and the waters collected.**

Leader: You roared and the waters ran away.

**People: The mountains stretched for the stars.**

Leader: The valleys were placed according to your command.

**People: God of all living things – both great and small –**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

-Adapted from Psalm 104

### 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

Wider Net Ministry Coordinator

Charles Poole

Lesley Ratcliff

Major Treadway

Tim Coker

Sheila Hess

Billy Trotter

Leslie Ward

Sam South

Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley

Lamenais Simeon

Rosaline McCoy

### THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

#### 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, L/CR

#### Monday, October 18

7:00 a.m.

Men on First and Third, GH

8:30 a.m.

Caregiving, L/CR

5:30 p.m.

Denominational Relations Committee, GH

#### Tuesday, October 19

3:00 p.m.

Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

4:30 p.m.

Cancer Support, L/CR

#### Wednesday, October 20

7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

8:30 a.m.

Enneagram Meeting, Adult Ed. Building  
and Zoom

10:00 a.m.

Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

#### Sunday, October 24

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 Family Fellowship, GH

5:30 p.m.

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## 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.

## ~~~~~ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**OCTOBER 20 - 5:30 P.M. - GREAT HALL**

\$5.00 per person; Maximum of \$20 per family  
No reservations needed. Child care is provided.

### **Menu:**

~ Baked Chicken ~ Coleslaw ~ Turnip Greens ~ Rice & Gravy ~  
Cornbread ~ Iced Tea ~ Homemade Desserts ~

**Servers:** Gayla Purvis, Cindy Reed, Mary Eliza McMillan

**Cashier:** Mary Lee

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

## ~~~~~ **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!***

## ~~~~~ **Children's Retreat**

Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend the Children's Retreat on **November 13-14** at Twin Lakes Camp in Florence, Mississippi.

We will depart from the church at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning and return in time to sit together in worship on Sunday morning.

**Please email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or call the church office, 601-982-4703, with questions or to sign up!**

## ~~~~~ **Brumfield House**

**October 21**

Tom Starling

**October 28**

Josh Poole

**November 4**

Kirk Sims

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Heed Burnham

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Job 38:1-7  
Hebrews 5:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.* Heaven is not a place name.

Heaven is wherever God's will is being done. When, occasionally, it is done on earth, then there is heaven. It is the most difficult thing in the world for most of us to give up directing our own story and turn to the Author. This has to be done over and over again every day. Time and again I know exactly how a certain situation should be handled, and in no uncertain terms I tell God how to handle it. Then I stop, stock-still, and (sometimes with reluctance) end by saying, “However, God, do it your way. Not my way, your way. Please.”

– Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 384 “This Is My Father's World”

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget  
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.  
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair—  
all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Heed Burnham

The Offertory

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem                      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”                      Burkhardt

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
 our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
 his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
 on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, is he;  
 Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
 and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
 his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;  
 one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thank to them, abideth;  
 the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ him who with us sideth.  
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
 God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

The Sermon                      “A Sermon on the Subject of God ”                      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: 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Fall Festival: Wednesday, October 27, 5:30 p.m.**

The Children will have their annual Fall Festival, with face painting, a bouncy slide, costumes, and more.

If you are available to volunteer for this event, contact Lesley or Major. Many hands are needed.

### **Halloween Party at the Youth House: Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m.**

Come in costume for a night of fun, games, snacks, and more.

### **Fall Retreat: November 5-6**

A short retreat together with friends from Northside, Delta Hands for Hope and beyond.

Email, text, or call Major to sign-up by Sunday, October 17. The cost of the retreat is \$60 (cost should not prevent anyone from attending...assistance is available).

### **All Saints Vesper Service: Sunday, November 7, 5:30 p.m.**

Meet in the YH at 5:00 p.m., eat supper together, then go to the service.

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## **Youth Family Fellowship**

**Sunday, October 24**

**5:00 p.m. ~ Great Hall**

Parents and Youth are invited to attend this event. Youth will participate in a Scavenger Hunt, parents will learn about upcoming events in the Youth House, then we will all eat together and see what treasures the youth have unearthed.

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## **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**October 24, 2021**

**Chapel Coordinators**  
 Lesley & Brock Ratcliff

**Firecrackers**  
 Colby & Chris Kimmel

**Sparklers**  
 Cortney & Daniel Greer

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## **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 Calhoon  
 Kelly Hicks

### **Drivers:**

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

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## **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:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Rob, Carroll, Blair and Carter Stockett on the death of Rob's father, Robert Stockett.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Laura, Patrick, May and Annabeth Taylor on the death of Laura's father, Austin Embry Smith.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

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 Twenty-First 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 Ginger Parham.

The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Steve and Melissa Godbold.

The Caregivers of the Week are Beth Hood and Janice Joyner.

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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## **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 & October 24**

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

## **TIME OF RESPONSE**

To be fully human, fully myself,  
To accept all that I am, all that you envision,  
This is my prayer.  
Walk with me out to the rim of life,  
Beyond security.  
Take me to the exquisite edge of courage  
And release me to become.

-Sue Monk Kidd

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 612 "How Firm a Foundation"

*FOUNDATION*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Albrecht

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for October 17 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Job 38:1-7 ~ page 420  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c ~ pages 483-484  
Hebrews 5:1-10 ~ page 973  
Mark 10:35-45 ~ page 823