



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any – lifted from the no
of all nothing – human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

-e. e. cummings

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 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

Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are holy moments, and life itself is grace.

-Frederick Buechner, *Now and Then*

The Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Bish

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. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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 24

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

Monday, October 25

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, October 27

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Fall Festival, YH Backyard
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sunday, October 31

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
3:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth Halloween Party, YH

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, October 25

Cooks:

Gail England
Ann Calhoon
Kelly Hicks

Drivers:

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

Monday, November 1

Cooks

Amanda Milam
Peggy Brady
Patsy Caraway

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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 3rd - 6th 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 or call the church office, 601-982-4703, with questions or to sign up!

Brumfield House

October 28

Josh Poole

November 4

Kirk Sims

November 11

Jimmy Allen

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 5 ~ 6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703, by Wednesday, November 3.**

Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents’ Night Out on:

December 10.

***The Litany of Praise**

Carrie Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Our praise shall be never ceasing.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.

People: We exalt the name of the Lord together.

Leader: We turn our faces to the Lord.

People: We feel the radiance of our God.

Leader: We open our eyes.

People: We see the wonders of our God.

Leader: We open our mouths.

People: We taste the sweetness of our God.

Leader: We open our ears.

People: We hear the promise of refuge.

Leader: Together we seek peace,

**ALL: And the goodness of our God.
Amen.**

-Adapted from Psalm 34

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Carrie Blount

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Hebrews 7:23-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

In me there is darkness, but with You there is light;
I am lonely, but You do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with You there is help;
I am restless, but with You there is peace;
In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience.
I do not understand Your ways,
but You know the way for me.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 73 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

NEW BRITAIN

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill,
he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

*The Offertory Prayer

Carrie Blount

The Offertory “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Manz

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Charles Poole

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

The Anthem “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Lamberton

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 Sermon “Concerning the Ending of Job’s Story”

Charles Poole

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 (there are still a few spots remaining). 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.

Youth Family Fellowship

Today ~ 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.

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 14

~ immediately following
the worship service ~

Agenda:

Adoption of the 2022 Budget
(Details to Follow)

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

October 31, 2021

Firecrackers

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

Sparklers

Natalie & Cy Parks

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:

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-Second 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 Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Chair for October is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Steve and Melissa Godbold.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Joan Haynie.

The Caregivers of the Week are Sara Hays and Melissa Godbold.

The Liturgist for October is Holly Wiggs.

The Liturgist for November is Richard Joiner.

The Flowers for October are provided by Lynda Street and John Tingle.

The Flowers for November are provided by Becky Frame, Kandy Sims and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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"Requiem for the Living"

Monday, November 1 ~ 7:00 p.m.

On Monday evening, November 1, at seven o'clock, 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 November 1, as we remember, together, to the rhythms of the Requiem, all of those who have preceded us into the nearer presence of God.

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

We are loved out of all sense of proportion. Yikes and hallelujah.

-Anne Lamott, *Dusk Night Dawn*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 636

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

If you will trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure,
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whatever your Father's pleasure
and all discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul
that trusts in him indeed.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for October 24 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 ~ page 424
Psalm 34:1-8; (19-22) ~ pages 441-442
Hebrews 7:23-28 ~ page 974
Mark 10:46-52 ~ page 823