



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
that is than falling in love
in quite an absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything.
It will decide what will get
you out of bed in the morning,
what you will do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love,
stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

-Pedro Arrupe, S. J.

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 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

We gather silently, not to be alone, but to be with our community of faith. In this hour, in this silence, we are reminded that we are not alone. Whether we gather in pain or in joy, in happiness or in sadness, in trouble or at peace, we are not alone. In this hour, in this silence, we experience our family of faith while wrapped in a blanket of silence, and we are prepared to be present with God. We are not alone. God is with us.

The Prelude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Buxtehude

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. 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAIA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*The Litany of Praise Valerie Linn

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Where we go, our God goes with us.

People: **We are not alone.**

Leader: Where we stay, our God remains with us.

People: **We are the people of God.**

Leader: Where we worship, our God hears us.

ALL: **We will praise the Lord as long as we live.**
Amen.

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 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

Monday, November 1

7:00 a.m.	Men on First and Third, GH
8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
7:00 p.m.	Requiem for the Living, Sanctuary and Livestream

Wednesday, November 3

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

Friday, November 5

4:30 p.m.	Youth Depart for Fall Retreat
6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out, NCC

Saturday, November 6

Youth Return From Fall Retreat

Sunday, November 7

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:00 p.m.	Youth Supper, YH
5:30 p.m.	All Saints' Vesper Service

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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.

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!

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, November 16 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in November 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.

Brumfield House

November 4

Kirk Sims

November 11

Jimmy Allen

November 18

Smith Boykin

November 25

Jeff Wilson

December 2

Bo Allen

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Valerie Linn

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Lawson Elizabeth Sams

Daughter of Becker and Weatherly Sams

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Lawson to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

Parents: **We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.**

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

People: **That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

People: **She will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her into a loving relationship with God?

Parents: **We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.**

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

People: **Yes, we too, will share in her growth, for she belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

People: **For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Charles Poole

The Lessons

Ruth 1:1-18
Hebrews 9:11-14

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Ultimately forgiveness is a gift of grace rather than an act of will. I have to be willing to forgive, but I cannot will myself to forgive. I can forgive with my mind, but forgiveness is finally a matter of the heart. And the forgiveness of the heart comes from God, not me. My part in it is to be willing to accept it.

- Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 701 “God Is Here!”

BEECHER

God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out;
here, in the day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

*The Offertory Prayer

Valerie Linn

The Offertory “Bourrée”

Handel

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 12:28-34 Charles Poole

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

The Anthem “Spirit of Life” Warland

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free:
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

The Sermon “Concerning the Book of Ruth” 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:

Halloween Party at the Youth House: Tonight, 5:00 p.m.

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

Fall Retreat: November 5-6

There are a few spots remaining. Contact Major for more info.

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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**Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456 will not meet tonight. We will resume next Sunday, November 7.**  
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**“Requiem for the Living”
Monday, November 1 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary and Livestream**

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.

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**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**Sunday, November 14**

~ immediately following the worship service ~

**Agenda:**

Adoption of the 2022 Budget

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

November 7, 2021

Firecrackers

Neely & Michael McGinnis

Sparklers

Ramsey & Brian Long

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, November 1**

**Cooks**

Amanda Milam

Peggy Brady

Patsy Caraway

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley

Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

**Wednesday, November 17**

**Cooks:**

Sylvia Carraway

Cathy Davis

Elizabeth Quinn

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence

Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson &  
Monica Daniels

## **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:**

Sarah Reynolds is recovering after surgery.

Emily Smith is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

|                  |               |                   |
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| 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       |
| Anne Brawley     |               |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Twenty-Third 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 Sunny Fowler and Jan McDonniece-Wilson.

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, Kathryn Davis and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captain for October is Eddie Mahaffey.

The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** **NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday.

On the evening of November 7, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an ***All Saints' Vesper Service***, at which time the names which have been submitted by the congregation will be read aloud.

*(Prior to the vesper service, we will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony, at 5:00 p.m., in the memorial garden at the north end of the campus.)*

## **TIME OF RESPONSE**

We go now from this community of faith to our greater community. We go now to encourage, to provoke, to incite, to persuade, to entice others to love and to be loved. We go, but we do not go alone. We leave this hour having been reminded that we are part of a community of faith. We leave this hour knowing that God goes with us.

The Sounding of the Call

Kirk Sims

Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 743 "Christ for the World! We Sing" *ITALIAN HYMN*

Christ for the world! We sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint  
and overborne, sin sick and sorrow worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world! We sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer— the wayward and the lost, by restless  
passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world! We sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with one accord— with us the work to share, with us  
reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world! We sing; the world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song— the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from  
error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation"

Pethel

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

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

Ruth 1:1-18 ~ page 210

Psalm 146 ~ page 507

Hebrews 9:11-14 ~ page 975

Mark 12:28-34 ~ page 825

***Musician for today:***

*Amulet Strange, flute*