



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly
cross, grave's shattered door. Gifted by
you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves
in praise; thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

-Robert L. Edwards

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 November 14, 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

Feed us this day, Holy Spirit, with the fragrance of the fields and the freshness of the oceans which you have made, and help us to hear and to hold in all dearth those exacting and wonderful words of our Lord Christ Jesus, saying: *Follow me.*

-Mary Oliver

The Prelude "Like a River Glorious" Pethel

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. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
 make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
 Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,
 turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
 to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
 Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
 in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
 worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
 For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
 and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

*The Litany of Praise Cindy Griffin

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: I will bless the Lord, who has counseled me;

People: We have set the Lord continually before us.

Leader: Because God is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

People: Therefore, our hearts are glad, and our spirits rejoice.

Leader: For God will not abandon us,

**All: God will make known to us the path of life;
 In God's presence is our completion and joy.**

-Psalm 16, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Cindy Griffin

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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, November 14

Children Return from Retreat

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Children's Ministries Committee, NCC
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace, Guys 456
6:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Meeting, GH

Monday, November 15

7:00 a.m.	Men on First and Third, GH
8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wider Net Meeting, GH

Tuesday, November 16

3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
4:30 p.m.	Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, November 17

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
8:30 a.m.	Enneagram, Adult Ed.
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner, GH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sunday, November 21

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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POINSETTIAS

If you would like to provide a poinsettia in the sanctuary as a memorial or in honor of someone during Advent, please complete a poinsettia insert that will be in your worship bulletins **Sunday, November 21, and Sunday, December 5** and place it in the offering plate or simply stop by the church office and complete an information form. You may also send an e-mail to: lward@northminsterbaptist.org (\$10 per poinsettia ordered) - **deadline to receive information is Monday, December 6.**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 10 ~ 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, December 8.**

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

Brumfield House

November 18

Smith Boykin

November 25

Jeff Wilson

December 2

Bo Allen

December 9

Bryan Bridges

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

November 21

Firecrackers

Karen Treadway & Mary Sue Douglas

Sparklers

Hart Wylie & Kirby Boteler

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, November 17

Cooks:

Sylvia Carraway

Cathy Davis

Elizabeth Quinn

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence

Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson &

Monica Daniels

Monday, November 22

Cooks

Jean Welsh

Helen Turner

Polly Watkins

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara

Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

People take their notions of God from those who say they belong to God's family.
In a word, they read our lives more than they read the Bible.

-Alexander Maclaren

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 580 "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" *PLEADING SAVIOR*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us—by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*The Offertory Prayer

Cindy Griffin

The Offertory

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Trotter

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Charles Poole

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Scott

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

Glorious is thy name, Jehovah, King of every nation;
Great are all thy works, Creator, God of our salvation,
Ever loving, ever blessing, All thy people praise thy name;
Ever watchful, ever faithful, Evermore the same.
Glorious is thy name, Almighty, everlasting God.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward, In the triumph song of life.

The Sermon

"Concerning Money and the Church"

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

-Robert L. Edwards

*The Recessional Hymn No. 426 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" *BEACH SPRING*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for November 14 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Daniel 12:1-3 ~ page 729

Psalms 16 ~ pages 430-431

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 ~ page 976

Mark 13:1-8 ~ pages 825-826

BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and a gift. On Sunday, December 5, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire church family, including all ages, to participate in missions together. Help us to serve those living in Personal Care Homes.

You can help by:

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack
- Baking Cookies
- Showing up on December 5 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble gifts and deliver

NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE

Beginning **Sunday, November 21**, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community.

If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to email an angel and information to you. You may also stop by the church to get an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are uncomfortable or unable to do so, but would like to financially adopt an angel.

Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Let's provide Christmas cheer for all of Northminster's angels.

Wednesday, December 15, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact

Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Beginning January 1, 2022, we are in need of two new drivers for Meals on Wheels. Drivers need to be at the church by 10:30 a.m. on their designated days to pick up boxed meals and deliver them. This normally takes an hour to an hour and a half. We only deliver on the first and fourth Mondays and the third Wednesday of each month. You would be driving two to three times in a six month period. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375 or 601-954-7977. You may also call the church office at 601-982-4703.

Children's Living Nativity

The children will rehearse on Sunday mornings,
November 28, December 5, 12, and 19
from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room.

*We will gather at 4:30 on Christmas Eve to
prepare and present the Living Nativity.

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.

November 21: Youth will not meet due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Boarding Homes: Sunday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.

Join Northminster in the Great Hall to assemble and deliver bags.

Christmas Party: Sunday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.

White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Youth House!

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.

NORTHMINSTER'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, November 17 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

Menu:

~ Turkey and Ham ~ Sweet Potato Soufflé ~ Squash Casserole ~

~ Green Beans ~ Dressing & Gravy ~ Cranberry Salad ~

~ Yeast Rolls ~ Iced Tea ~ Assorted Desserts ~

Servers: Mary Lee, Hilda Boteler, Judy Rankin, Gloria Montgomery

Due to present public health circumstances, rather than our usual Thanksgiving potluck, our meal will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service.
(Also, we will be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.)

Advent starts November 28th

The Worship and Music Committee has prepared
The Season of Advent Devotional Guide 2021

These worship guides for personal and family worship will be available throughout the church beginning the week of Thanksgiving and a digital copy can be downloaded from the Northminster website during the Advent season.

Please feel free to take copies for your family and friends as needed.

Coffee for Salt and Light

Premium Honduran coffee is currently for sale at \$10 per bag.
Proceeds will help fund expenses of Sal Y Luz Ministry in Honduras.

To purchase please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590.

Jann will deliver to your home.

Please make checks payable to Salt and Light Ministries (no cash please).

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.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Robbie Cross

Roxanne Aldridge

Pat Walston

Vivian Thompson

Anne Brawley

Sue Edwards

R.W. McCarley

Jack Cochran

Martha Collum

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Robyn Chunn

Virginia Hamilton

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Twenty-Fifth 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.

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 John England.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Joan Haynie.

The Caregivers of the Week are Jo Ann Welch and Jean Williams.

The Liturgist for November is Richard Joiner.

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

The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today

~ immediately following the worship service ~

Agenda:

Adoption of the 2022 Budget

2022 Northminster Deacon Officers

At their October Meeting, the Deacons elected the following officers for 2022:

Chair: Thomas Elfert

Vice Chair: Smith Boykin

Secretary: Amy Finkelberg