



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

-Hebrews 12:1-2

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

## THE ACT OF WORSHIP

### All Saints' Sunday

November 7, 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

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, we say. But, still more wonderful, God makes saints out of sinners.

-Soren Kierkegaard

The Prelude "Largo" Dvořák

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. 751 "For All the Saints" *SINE NOMINE*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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, November 7

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

### Monday, November 8

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR  
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, L/CR

### Wednesday, November 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 p.m. Long Range Planning  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Saturday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Children Depart for Retreat

### 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  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH  
5:00 p.m. Atrium, Girls of Grace, Guys 456  
6:30 p.m. Long Range Planning  
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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## 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!

## 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 11**

Jimmy Allen

**November 18**

Smith Boykin

**November 25**

Jeff Wilson

## NORTHMINSTER'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AND COMMUNION SERVICE

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

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

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

## 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

### \*The Litany of Praise

Kyle Watson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Lord has given a new covenant to God's people.

**People: God's promises will be written into our minds and upon our hearts;**

Leader: For God has promised to be our God;

**People: And we shall be God's people.**

Leader: As God's people, we will seek justice and right ways of living, embodied in the lives of the saints who have marked the path before us.

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of hosts.**

-Hebrews 8:8,10, *adapted*

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

MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Kyle Watson

The Greeting

Charles Poole

## IN MEMORIAM From Last All Saints' Day to This

Rowland Patrick Welsh  
Thomas Creagher Turner, Sr.  
Leo Dudley Wilson  
Leland Rhymes Speed  
Mary Montrie "Monty" Chotard  
Ronald Joseph Fender  
Eda Winders Jackson  
Merle Elizabeth Allen Dean  
Nancy Ann Tatum Herrin  
Lucian Alston Harvey, Jr.  
Julius Mosal "Bro" Ridgway  
Victor Prowell Smith, Sr.  
Sidney Neelly Montgomery  
James Nello Martin, Jr.  
Anne Mitchell Peters

The Lessons

Psalms 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

-Bianco de Siena

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 692 "Faith of Our Fathers" *ST. CATHERINE*

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will strive to win all nations unto thee,  
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife:  
and preach thee too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

\*The Offertory Prayer *Kyle Watson*

The Offertory "Give Thanks for Life" *Douglas*

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Mark 12:38-44 *Major Treadway*

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Blessed Are the Dead" *Larkin*

Blessèd are the dead who died in the Lord, our God.  
"Blessèd indeed," says the Spirit,  
"that they may rest from their labors,  
for their deeds follow them."

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table *Charles Poole*

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread into open hands. After having received it, worshippers will return by the outside aisle, be seated, and each eat the bread.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Receive the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

## STUDENT NEWS:

**All Saints Vesper Service:** Today, 5:30 p.m.

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

**NO Youth November 21:** 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.

Dirty Santa Christmas Party at the Youth House!

**Songs & Sushi:** Sunday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.

After worship, sushi in the YH followed by caroling.

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY TODAY

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.

This evening, 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.)*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 14**

~ immediately following the worship service ~

### Agenda:

Adoption of the 2022 Budget

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**November 14, 2021**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

**Firecrackers**

Mary McCall & Will McArthur

**Sparklers**

Lisa & Farrar Strum

## 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

## **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:**

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 All Saints' Sunday.** The liturgical color is white, a symbol of resurrection.

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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 Jo Ann Ratliff.

The Caregiving Chair for November is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Joan Haynie.

The Caregivers of the Week are Norman and Jan Rodgers.

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.

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## **Communion and Children**

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.

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***Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium,  
Girls of Grace and Guys 456  
Tonight at 5:00 p.m.***

Please contact Lesley ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601.927.0259) if your child would like to participate.

## **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**

Equipped with the Word and the Christ who has changed us, let us go forth to worship, work, and witness, with transforming faith in our lives, carrying the legacy of the great multitude of saints who have gone before us.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 749 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

Hobby

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

**The Lectionary passages for November 7 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 ~ pages 211-212

Psalms 127 ~ page 499

Hebrews 9:24-28 ~ page 976

Mark 12:38-44 ~ page 825

**Musician for today:**

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*