



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

People often think of Christian morality as a kind of bargain in which God says, “If you keep a lot of rules I’ll reward you, and if you don’t I’ll do the other thing.” I do not think that is the best way of looking at it. I would much rather say that every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before.

-C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
 February 27, 2022
 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

Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return.

-Thomas R. Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion*

The Prelude "All Creation Praises God for the New Day" Bedford

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Yarrington

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks: for Thy presence is near Thy wondrous works declare.

*The Processional Hymn No. 92 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *DIADEMATA*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
 hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
 awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
 his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
 no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
 but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
 creator of the rolling spheres, in effably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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, February 27

8:30 a.m.	Committee Chairs Meeting., GH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
3:30 p.m.	Guys vs. Girls, Northminster Backyard
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH

Monday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choir, Choir Room

Friday, March 4

6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out, NCC
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Sunday, March 6

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion/Baptism
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH
5:30 p.m.	Youth, YH

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The Worship of God on Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service in
the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

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**Brumfield House**

**March 3**

Jeff Wilson

**March 10**

Joe Sims

**March 17**

Elta Johnston

**March 24**

Mike Peters

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Growing Up Knowing
March 25

These sessions titled "My Body, My Boundaries" will be offered by local non-profit Growing Up Knowing at Northminster. The session on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be for families with children in 3rd through 6th grade.

Sign up with Lesley Ratcliff - lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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***PARENTS' NIGHT OUT***

***Friday, March 4 ~ 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, March 2.**

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

***We will also have Parents' Night Out:***

*April 8, May 13*

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, March 8 ~ 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in March 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.

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**March 6**

**Firecrackers**

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

**Sparklers**

Natalie & Cy Parks

**\*The Litany of Praise**

Elizabeth Quinn

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We come before the presence of our God. Let us join our voices in praise of the name of our Lord!

**People: Holy is our God!**

Leader: The Lord is King and Creator.

**People: Justice and Equity are names for the Lord our God.**

Leader: The Lord is King and Redeemer.

**People: Transformation and Fulfillment are names for the Lord our God.**

Leader: The Lord is King and Sustainer.

**People: Wisdom and Hope are names for the Lord our God.**

Leader: We stand on the holy mountain of our God.

**ALL: Glory be to God! Amen.**

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

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**\*The Prayer of Invocation**

Elizabeth Quinn

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

**THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

Eleanor Delle Peters

Daughter of Mitch and Ceejaye Peters

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Eleanor 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

Exodus 34:29-35  
II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

#### The Meditation of Confession

O Lord, all you ask of me is a simple “yes,” a simple act of trust, so that your choices for me can bear fruit in my life . . . I do not want to be so busy with my way of living, my plans and projects, my relatives, friends and acquaintances, that I do not even notice that you are with me, closer to me than anyone else. I do not want to be blind to the loving gestures that come from your hands, nor deaf to the caring words that come from your mouth. I want to see you as you walk with me and hear you as you speak to me.

-Henri Nouwen, *Heart Speaks to Heart*

#### The Silent Prayer

#### The Assurance of Pardon

#### The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Major Treadway

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 562 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *DIX*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the dawn till your glories shine on me;  
joyless is the day’s return till your mercy’s beams I see:  
as they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief:  
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

\*The Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Quinn

The Offertory “The God of Abraham Praise” Page

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 9:28-36 Lesley Ratcliff

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

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Today

~ immediately following the worship service ~

### Agenda:

Nominate and elect five (5) Northminster members  
to serve on the Senior Pastor Search Committee

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Northminster Essentials

Sundays through March 6

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. ~ Library

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office
at 601-982-4703 or email lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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### A Lenten Gift

The Worship Committee has prepared the annual Lenten Guide, "A Lenten Journey," for use in the daily worship and meditations of our Northminster congregation and friends. Based on scriptures drawn from the Daily Lectionary, "A Lenten Journey" will provide daily thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2.

The Guide in booklet form will be available in the Church Office, in the foyer outside the Office, in the Church Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as gathering areas outside the Sanctuary. It will also be available by a link on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

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Sacred Ground:

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith Beginning During Lent

Every other Friday beginning **March 11** through **May 20** from noon to 1:00 on Zoom
(Please note change.)

In partnership with St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, we invite you to join us for Sacred Ground, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, developed by the Episcopal Church and hosted by Kathy Woodliff and Rev. Katie Bradshaw.

“Sacred Ground” is a six-part series built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary film and readings that focus on indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. While the course is largely film-based, there are some reading assignments from *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *I’m Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. The readings are spread out over the length of the course.

Throughout the course we will be building our capacity to learn and grow in love with deep listening and mindful speech. Participants will be invited to offer brief reflections and deep dive into areas of interest. The sessions will be grounded in prayer/meditation and limited to 30 participants. It is our hope to offer a safe space and provide opportunities for timely conversations about race and faith. All are welcome.

For further information or to sign up, please contact Lesley Ratcliff at 601-927-0259 or lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight. 5:30 p.m.

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

Stewminster Basketball:

Tournaments start this week! Schedule: TBA.

Mystery Trip: June 9-14. Five days of a mysteriously good time. Minimal details forthcoming. Email Major to sign-up. Embrace the Mystery!

Passport: July 10-16. Summer camp in Berea, KY. A week filled with games, songs, small groups, prayer, volleyball, and energizers. Email Major to sign-up. Cost: \$425. (Cost should never be a barrier to participation. If you feel like it is, please talk with Major.)

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### **Enneagram Conference**

Northminster Baptist Church ~ Great Hall

Hosted by the Jackson Enneagram Committee

**Led by Joey Schewee**

March 25 ~ 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Enneagram Applications for Everyday Living at work and home

March 26 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Enneagram and Parenting

\$40 for one session - \$65 for both sessions

\$65 per couple for parenting session

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Wednesday Night Supper ~ March 2

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children
(12 and under) with a \$20 family maximum.

MENU:

Fried Chicken ~ Garden Rice ~ Squash Casserole

Green Beans ~ Yeast Rolls or Tomato Crostini

Assorted Desserts ~ Iced Tea

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### **Adult Studies ~ Sunday Evenings 5:30 p.m.**

**Tonight and March 6 ~ Great Hall**

**Multi-Generational Conversations about “Stuff” We Care About**

We heard from Lida Caraway about Generations, what shaped them and how that affects their values and communication. The remaining weeks we will have multi-generational panels discussing race & relationships.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 28

Cooks

Polly Watkins

Jean Welsh

Helen Turner

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Tim & Becky Frame/Gayla Purvis

Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

The Anthem

“How Great Thou Art”

Nelson

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power through-out the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain:

And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing, sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in, that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill by heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art.”

Refrain:

The Sermon

“Little by Little”

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

This is how we make important changes – barely, poorly, slowly. And still, [Jesus] raises His fist in triumph.

-Anne Lamott, *Small Victories*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 498 “I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know ’tis true,
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, ’tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God’s own Holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
’twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Callahan

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

The Lectionary passages for February 27 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 34:29-35 ~ pages 71-72
Psalm 99 ~ pages 480-481
II Corinthians 3:12-4:2 ~ page 939
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) ~ page 843

Brass Quintet/Timpani

Wayne Linehan, *trumpet*
Ben Bullock, *trumpet*
Mimi Linehan, *horn*
James Wilson, *trombone*
Wade Rackley, *tuba*
Bud Berthold, *timpani*

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:

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Lloyd and Pete Stevenson on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Caldwell Stevenson. Caldwell is also welcomed by her brother, Will, and by Silas and Leesa McCharen and Andrew and Meg Lake.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Brian and Stephanie Rippee on the death of Brian’s sister, Stephanie L. Rippee.

Steve Chester is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

Kathy Miller is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

Fred Johnson is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Emily Smith	Sue Edwards	Robyn Chunn
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Virginia Hamilton
Libby McGee	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Gorman Schaffer	

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, recalling Christ’s appearance in glory to his disciples on the mountain top, at which time God affirmed Jesus as “beloved Son.” The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the glory of Christ.

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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 Cathy Davis.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Susan O’Mara and Susie Friou.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Susie Friou and Susan O’Mara.

The Liturgist for February is Holly Wiggs.

The Liturgist for March is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for February are provided by Kathryn Davis and Lisa Kelly.

The Flowers for March are provided by Kandy Sims, Becky Frame, and Jill Buckley.

The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.

The Usher Captains for March are Usher Co-Chairs.

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Guys vs Girls Game Day

Today

First through 6th graders are invited for games in Northminster’s Backyard from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

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*The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Sarah Caldwell Stevenson.  
The proud parents are Sarah Lloyd and Pete Stevenson.*