



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

So many terrible things happen every day that we start wondering whether the few things we do ourselves make any sense. When people are starving only a few thousand miles away, when wars are raging close to our borders, when countless people in our cities have no homes to live in, our own activities look futile. Such considerations, however, can paralyze and depress us.

Here the word “call” becomes important. We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But each of us has our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. We have to keep asking God to help us see clearly what our call is and to give us the strength to live out that call with trust. Then we will discover that our faithfulness to a small task is the most healing response to the illnesses of our time.

-Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 February 6, 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

Focused stillness creates an empty space in which to test the rough edges of experience and to discover wider perspectives. . . . Without cultivating times of silence and solitude, we cannot create an environment of obedient listening in which to hearken to God's voice.

-Thomas R. Hawkins, *A Life That Becomes the Gospel*

The Prelude "My Heart Abounds with Pleasure" Brahms

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. 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!

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 6

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Luncheon, GH
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 7

7:00 a.m.	Men on First and Third, GH
8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, February 8

10:00 a.m.	Women's Book Study, Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study, GH
7:00 p.m.	9th/10th Stewminster vs Grace Crossing

Wednesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 10

7:00 p.m.	11th/12th Stewminster vs St. Richard
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Friday, February 11

Women depart for retreat

Sunday, January 13

Women return from retreat

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Youth Super Bowl Party, YH

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Sacred Ground:

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

Every other Friday beginning March 4 through May 6 from noon to 1:00 on Zoom

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 *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. 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.

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### Brumfield House

#### February 10

Chuck Poole

#### February 17

Jennifer Stribling

#### February 24

Bryan Bridges

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 13

Chapel Coordinators

Bett & Josh Poole

Firecrackers

Taylor & Justin Beard

Sparklers

Anna & Andy Frame

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### Growing Up Knowing

#### February 25 & March 25

These sessions titled "My Body, My Boundaries" will be offered by local non-profit Growing Up Knowing at Northminster. The session on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be for families with children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, and 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

## \*The Litany of Praise

Jason Greener

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Gracious God, from the depths of our inward focus you call us out -  
- to notice the need, to include the lonely, to share God's love and all of its promise.

People: **We are here. Who has need of us?**

Leader: Creative God, from our meetings, our carpools, our responsibilities, our work, and our play, we are called out -- to use our talents, our gifts, our skills and abilities.

People: **We are here. What can we do?**

Leader: Omnipresent God, you call us by name as individuals and as a community of faith.

People: **We are here. Where will you send us?**

Leader: Everlasting God, others came before us, and others will come after us. Our time is now. How will we respond?

ALL: **We listen. We believe. We are here.**

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Jason Greener

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 6:1-8  
I Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The glorious message of Scripture is that we do not have to be perfect for our Maker to love us. All through the great stories, heavenly love is lavished on visibly imperfect people. . . . God loves us in our complex *isness*, and when we get stuck on the image of the totally virtuous and morally perfect person we will never be, we are unable to accept this unqualified love, or to love other people in their rich complexity.

If God can love . . . any single one of us as we really are, then it is possible for us to turn in love to those who hurt or confuse us. Those we know and those we do not know. And that makes me take a new look at love.

-Madeleine L'Engle,  
*A Stone for a Pillow: Journeys with Jacob*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 "I Come with Joy" *DOVE OF PEACE*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

\*The Offertory Prayer Jason Greener

The Offertory "Andante" Mendelssohn

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 5:1-11 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Santo" Mendoza

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Santo, Santo, Santo      | Holy, Holy, Holy,          |
| Dios del universe        | Lord God of Hosts.         |
| Llenos están los cielos  | Filled are heaven          |
| y la tierra de tu gloria | and earth with your glory. |
| Josana en las alturas    | Hosanna in the highest.    |
| Bendito él que viene     | Blessed is he who comes    |
| en el nombre             | in the name                |
| del Señor.               | of the Lord.               |

The Sermon "Now That This Has Touched Our Lips" Charles Poole

## Wednesday Night Supper ~ February 9

**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:

Beef Stew with Rice and Vegetables ~ Crunchy Romaine Toss

Cornbread and Biscuits ~ Assorted Desserts ~ Iced Tea

**Servers:** Dea Dea Baker, Ann Calhoon, Judy Rankin

**Cashier:** Cindy Reed

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

Tonight, February 20, 27 & March 6 ~ Great Hall

Multi-Generational Conversations about "Stuff" We Care About

Tonight, we will hear 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 caretaking, race & relationships.

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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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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Northminster Women's Retreat 2022

Friday, February 11 – Sunday, February 13

Eagle Ridge Conference Center

Raymond, MS

We will listen to each other's stories, participate in guided spiritual practices and deepen our friendships with one another.

Cost: \$175 per person; \$250 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending.

If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

The deadline to sign up is **February 6.**

For questions or for more details, contact Lesley Ratcliff at
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-927-0259.

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### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, February 7**

#### **Cooks**

Patsy Caraway  
Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady

#### **Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara  
Rt. 2 Mona & Johnny Evans

## **STUDENT NEWS:**

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, 5:00 p.m.**

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

### **Stewminster Basketball:**

9th/10th Grade team: **Tuesday, February 8 @ 7:00 p.m.**

11th/12th Grade team: **Thursday, February 10 @ 7:00 p.m.**

### **Super Bowl Party: Sunday February 13. 5:00 p.m.-conclusion of the halftime show.**

Come to watch the game, come to watch the commercials, or come to eat. Just come.

We'll have the first half of the game on, some related games, and lots of food to eat.

**Youth Sunday: Sunday February 20.** Northminster Youth will lead in Sunday School and worship. On **Sunday, February 13**, in Sunday School, we will focus on preparing for Youth Sunday. Please make every effort to be there so that you can be prepared for Youth Sunday.

**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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ANNUAL LUNCHEON and DESSERT AUCTION!

**Sunday, February 20
11:45 a.m. ~ Great Hall**

You are invited to our annual luncheon and dessert auction immediately following the worship service on ***Sunday, February 20***. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Lunch will be catered, followed by the dessert auction hosted by the youth group. Adults and youth within the congregation provide desserts to be sold, with the proceeds supporting the retreats and projects of the youth group. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the youth.

If you would like to provide a dessert for the auction, please email Major Treadway, major@northminsterbaptist.org or contact the church office, 601-982-4703.

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## **Women's Book Study**

**Tuesdays, through February 22**

**10:00 am on Zoom or 6:00-8:00 pm GH**

This semester's book is Sue Monk Kidd's *The Book of Longings*, narrated by Ana, the fictional wife of Jesus. We will engage with the book's surprising and deeply moving content, and also explore Bible passages that correspond to the reading.

A light supper will be provided on Tuesday evenings for \$8 per person.

Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or

[lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions or to sign up.

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Guys vs Girls Game Day

Sunday, February 27

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

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 Worshipers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

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

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

"Here am I; send me!" -Isaiah 6:8

*The Recessional Hymn No. 21 "How Great Thou Art!"

O STORE GUD

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 throughout, the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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 my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain:

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Lasky

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for February 6 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) ~ pages 553-554

Psalms 138 ~ page 503

I Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ page 935

Luke 5:1-11 ~ page 836

The flowers in the Narthex are in loving memory of Eda Winders Jackson.

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:

Kathy Miller is recovering after surgery.

Annette Hitt is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin 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 the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

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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 Crisler Boone.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

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

The Caregivers of the Week are Dianne and Kurt Metzner.

The Liturgist for February is Holly Wiggs.

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

The Usher Captain for February 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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## Children's Birthday Gathering

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

Children who have a birthday in February 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.