



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

-Isaiah 55: 8-9

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 20, 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

“Only by opening yourself up can you come to know that which you don’t already know. And only by becoming an open vessel can you contain that which is greater than yourself. The truth has no end. God has no end. The eternal is infinite — always flowing.”

-Jonathan Cahn, *Book of Mysteries*

The Prelude “See the Lord of Life and Light” Bach

The Call to Worship “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” Dubois

*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.*

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Anna Mitchell Peters

\*The Processional Hymn No. 374 *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\*The Litany of Praise Yates Elfert

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O God, thou art our God; early will we seek thee.

**People: Our souls long to see thy power and glory.**

Leader: Because thy loving kindness is better than life, we will praise thee.

**People: We will lift up our hands to thee, and our mouths will praise thee with joyful lips.**

Leader: Because thou hast been our helper, we will rejoice in the shadow of thy wings.

**All: Let us rejoice in the everlasting glory of our God.**

-Psalm 63, *adapted*

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807 “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

# **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, March 20**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Wider Net Committee, GH
5:00 p.m.	Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH
5:30 p.m.	Youth, YH
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, March 21**

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

### **Tuesday, March 22**

11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Building, Zoom
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### **Wednesday, March 23**

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

### **Thursday, March 24**

5:30 p.m.	Senior Pastor Search Committee, L/CR
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### **Friday March 25**

6:00 p.m.	Growing Up Knowing, GH
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### **Sunday, March 27**

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
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 Prayer of Invocation

Yates Elfert

The Greeting

Charles Poole

The Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-9  
I Corinthians 10:1-13

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

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

"We have a lifetime to accept God so that we may have an eternity to get to know everything about God. Help us to use this lifetime as preparation for the infinity that lies ahead."

-The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

## **INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 212 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*WONDROUS LOVE*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

\*The Offertory Prayer

Yates Elfert

The Offertory

"Ah, Jesus, Dear"

Brahms

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 13:1-9 Charles Poole  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "It Is Well with My Soul" Nelson  
When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
He lived, Oh, the bliss of that glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul.  
And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.

The Sermon "By This Time Next Year" 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.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, March 28

#### Cooks

Faye Barham  
Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan

#### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

### Wednesday Night Supper ~ March 23 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:

Pulled Barbecue Pork ~ Cole Slaw ~  
Pasta Salad ~ Baked Beans ~ Rolls  
Hershey Bar Pie ~ Iced Tea

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### March 27

#### **Firecrackers**

Mary Kathryn Reiners

#### **Sparklers**

Ramsey & Brian Long

### Brumfield House

#### March 24

Mike Peters

#### March 31

Kirk Sims

#### April 7

Chuck Poole



**EVERY  
KIND OF BIRD**  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN GOD'S TREE

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP 2022**

**JULY 22 – 24, 2022**

*Friday 5:30pm-8pm*  
*Saturday 9am-12pm*  
*Sunday 9am-11:30am*

You can register online at <https://forms.gle/jxTAtcbPhLVpHrYq9>  
Please contact Neely McGinnis with any questions or to volunteer.  
[neelylauderdale@gmail.com](mailto:neelylauderdale@gmail.com) or 769.257.8077

## 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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## Growing Up Knowing

**Friday, March 25**

This session titled "My Body, My Boundaries" will be offered by local non-profit Growing Up Knowing at Northminster. This 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).

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## TOGETHER FOR HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT

**Sunday, April 3 ~ 3:00pm**

Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, MS

World renowned Japanese trombonist Yu Tamaki Hosono will perform a benefit concert for Together for Hope at the end of his North American Tour. Yu has performed with the best symphonies around the world. He will be accompanied by guest pianist Zhaolei Xie, professor at University of Southern Mississippi and pianist at University Baptist Church Hattiesburg. The concert is free but donations will be accepted for Together for Hope.

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## STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

**Monday, March 21**

Hilda & Bob Boteler

**Tuesday, March 22**

Laine & Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, March 23**

Mary Taylor

**Thursday, March 24**

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnical-Wilson

## TIME OF RESPONSE

"All we have seen teaches us to trust the Creator for all we have not seen."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 514 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### Refrain:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

### Refrain:

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

"Largo"

Handel

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for March 20 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Isaiah 55:1-9 ~ page 598

Psalms 63:1-8 ~ page 458

I Corinthians 10:1-13 ~ pages 931-932

Luke 13:1-9 ~ page 848

## **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 Mike Peters on the birth of his grandchild, Milton Jack Peters. Milton is also welcomed by Sam, Courtney, Savannah, and Marshall Peters, and Mitch, Ceejaye, Anna Mitchell, Elizabeth and Eleanor Peters.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nathan and Rachel Maples, on the birth of their son, Walter Dudley Maples. Walt is also welcomed by Mike Maples, Jeff, Mary Ellen, Dudley, Ellen Ruth and Dan Stancill, and Brock, Lora, Helen, Tate, Betty and Mack Maples.

Eddie Foster is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin is recovering after surgery.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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| 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 Third Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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 Amy Finkelberg.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Amanda Milam and Becky Wooley.

The Liturgist for March is Rose Mary Porter.

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

The Usher Captains for March are Usher Co-Chairs.

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*In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible  
will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this  
prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.*

*The Northminster Flower Committee*

## **STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:** We will not meet tonight. We will meet next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together.

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

### **Anchors and Sails**

### **Tonight, April 3 and April 24 ~ Sanctuary**

On March 20, Chuck Poole will lead us in a conversation concerning our "anchors" (the central truths that have defined our church) and our "sails" (how we might journey into the future of a changing church world). On the remaining two nights, the congregation will have an opportunity to ask Chuck questions about both, the anchors which define us and the sails which beckon.

### **Collectively Seeking the Spirit**

### **March 27 ~ Sanctuary**

Lesley Ratcliff will lead us in a study of how the church has historically sought the wisdom of the Holy Spirit collectively, and explore how we might continue to seek the Holy Spirit collectively as a family of faith.

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## **Women's Bible Study**

### **The Psalms**

*Facilitated by Cecelia Stearman and taught by Diann Arinder*

### **Tuesdays beginning March 22**

Coffee, 10:45 a.m., Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Adult Education Building

Also available on Zoom

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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## **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.