



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*-Book of Common Prayer*

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

# THE ACT OF WORSHIP The Third Sunday of Eastertide

May 1, 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

“Alleluia Christ is Risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.”

The Prelude “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” Bach

The Call to Worship “O Christ, Redeemer, Risen Lord” Wye

*O Christ, Redeemer, risen Lord! The world rejoices with one accord.  
Alleluia!*

\*The Procession of the Easter Banner Madeleine Wylie

\*The Processional Hymn No. 254 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” *ODE TO JOY*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
there in all the Father’s glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;  
now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

\*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Boone

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We delight greatly in the Lord; our souls rejoice in our God.

**People: For God has clothed us with garments of salvation and arrayed us in robes of righteousness.**

Leader: As a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels,

**People: As the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,**

**ALL: So the Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Suzanne Boone

## 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, May 1**

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth End of the Year Party
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light

**Monday, May 2**

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

**Tuesday, May 3**

11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study, Adult Ed. Bldg., Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Children’s Birthday Gathering, GH

**Wednesday, May 4**

7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 6**

12:00 p.m.	Sacred Ground, Zoom
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**Sunday, May 8**

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, May 2

#### Cooks

Peggy Brady  
Patsy Caraway  
Amanda Milam

#### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame/Gayla Purvis  
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

### ***Children's Birthday Gathering***

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

Children who have a birthday in May 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.

### **Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders**

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office (601-982-4703).

#### ***This year's new Youth Group members:***

Mary Laurel Boykin	Blaine Bridges	Parkes Denton
Watts Everett	Carol Ann Hudson	Kirkland Hudson
Mary Fowler Hudson	Anna Mitchell Peters	Charlotte Poole
Josie Sones	Celia Stribling	Slates Veazey
Elise Williams		

### **Women's Bible Study**

#### **The Psalms**

***Facilitated by Cecelia Stearman and taught by Diann Arinder***

#### **Tuesdays through May 24**

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).

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

#### **May 8**

##### **Firecrackers**

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

##### **Sparklers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

### **Brumfield House**

#### **May 5**

Bryan Bridges

#### **May 12**

Skipper Jernigan

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us, and establish the work of our hands for us."

-Psalm 90

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

Suzanne Boone

The Offertory

"Beautiful Savior"

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\*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Loving God, whom we adore; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Day of Resurrection”

Farlee

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

The Sermon

Lesley Ratcliff

### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

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.

## STUDENT NEWS:

**End of the Year Party:** Today, 5:00 p.m. A party to celebrate the coming of summer. We will gather at Kelley and Jean Williams' house for some good food and good fun. Swimsuits and Towels recommended.

**Mystery Trip:** June 9-14. Five days of a mysteriously good time. Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! The deadline to sign up has passed. If you meant to sign-up, contact Major as soon as possible.

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



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP 2022**

**JULY 22 – 24, 2022**

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

**EVERY  
KIND OF BIRD**

**ALL ARE WELCOME IN GOD'S TREE**

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

## Liturgy of the Light

**Today ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary**

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered around the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Today**

~ immediately following the worship service ~

### AGENDA:

- 1.) Election of three members for the Committee on Committees.  
Nominated by the Deacons:

Gregg Caraway  
Sarah Reynolds  
Amy Williams

(Per the Northminster Bylaws, additional nominations may be made at the congregational meeting)

## 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:

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Lisa, Farrar, Madysen and Vaughn Strum, on the death of Lisa's father, Richard Vaughn.

Carla Holt is recovering after surgery.

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 of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

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 Jeff Wilson.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregivers of the Week are Susan & Hunter Pratt.

The Liturgist for May is Rush Miller.

The Flowers for May are provided by Kandy Sims, Sylvia Carraway, Kathryn Davis

Kathryn Sams and Lynda Street.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.

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## TIME OF RESPONSE

Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-The Book of Common Prayer

\*The Recessional 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 Benediction *Lesley Ratcliff*

\*The Postlude "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *Powell*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for May 1 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) ~ page 893

Psalms 30 ~ page 439

Revelation 5:11-14 ~ pages 997-998

John 21:1-19 ~ pages 883-884

## 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.