

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

"Christ the Lord, is risen today,
Hallelujah!
All the world and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply;
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids Him rise;
Christ hath opened paradise."

-Charles Wesley, adapted

THE ACT OF WORSHIP The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

May 8, 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

"Pray as though everything depended on God, work as though everything depended on you."

-St. Augustine of Hippo

The Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Milford

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

May Taylor

*The Processional Hymn No. 362 "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

*The Litany of Praise

Jill Buckley

Leader: The Lord be with you; **People:** And also with you.

Leader: The suffering servant was pierced for our transgressions, and

crushed for our iniquities;

People: The pain that brought us peace was borne by the servant

of God, and by his wounds we are healed.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

-Isaiah 53:5-6, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Jill Buckley

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

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 f	or Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor f	or Students	Major Ťreadway
Minister of Music		Tim Coker
Organist		Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	3	Billy Trotter
Pastors' Secretary	/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretar	y	Sam South
Receptionist/Secre		Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	•	Lamenais Simeon
Wider Net Ministr	ry Coordinator	Rosaline McCoy

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, May 8	
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
Monday, May 9	1
8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
Tuesday, May 10	<i>E E</i> ,
11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Bldg., Zoom
Wednesday, May 11	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 12	
5:30 p.m.	Long Range Planning Committee, L/CR
Sunday, May 15	
9:15 a.m.	Mentor Program Practice, Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Mentor Luncheon, GH
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, May 18

Cooks Drivers:

Shari Culver

Jo Ann Welch

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Rob Hill

Carolyn McIntyre

Monday, May 23

<u>Cooks</u> <u>Drivers:</u>

Helen Turner
Polly Watkins
Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

Susan O'Mara

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 15

Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

Sparklers

Kelly & Josh Guyton

May 22

Chapel Coordinators

Lesley & Brock Ratcliff

Firecrackers

Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

Sparklers

Barrie & Eddie Mahaffey

Brumfield House

May 12

Skipper Jernigan

May 19

Andy Frame

May 26

Scott Wilson

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call the church office, 601-982-4703, with degree and school information.

SPLASH DAY

Monday, June 6 ~ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Children and their families will gather in the backyard at Northminster for water slides, splash pools and sprinkler fun!
You bring your swimsuit, towels and sunscreen and we'll provide a snack supper.

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Evelyn Jane Eason Daughter of Chris and Paul Eason

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Evelyn 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

The Lessons

Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."

-Psalm 103:12

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

The Offertory Hymn No. 502 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relived; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*The Offertory Prayer

Jill Buckley

The Offertory "Rondeau and Air"

Purcell

*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 10:22-30 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Sermon "Full, and Running Over" Char

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.

STUDENT NEWS:

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

You can register online at https://forms.gle/jxTAtcbPhLVpHrYq9
Please contact Neely McGinnis with any questions or to volunteer.

neelylauderdale@gmail.com or 769.257.8077

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

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 <u>lesley@northminsterbaptist.org</u>.

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 Mike and Pat Beall, 404 Whittington Circle, Madison, MS 39110, and to Michael and Matthew Beall, on the death of Mike's sister, Suzanne Colbert.

Carla Holt, 200 Dominican Drive, Apt. 3104, Madison, MS 39110, is recovering after surgery.

Eddie Foster, 4635 Jiggetts Road, Jackson, MS 39211, is recovering after surgery.

David Raddin, 335 Cascades Circle East, Clinton, MS 39056, is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Emily Smith
Roxanne Aldridge
Libby McGee

Sue Edwards
R.W. McCarley
Jack Cochran

Robbie Cross

Vivian Thompson Gorman Schaffer Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fourth 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.

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 Smith Boykin.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregivers of the Week are Amy Williams and Janice Joyner.

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

"What difference does it make to you what someone else becomes, or says, or does? You do not need to answer for others, only for yourself."

-Thomas a Kempis

*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 "The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love: my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" Powell

The Lectionary passages for May 8 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Psalm 23 ~ pages 435-436 Isaiah 53:1-6 ~ page 596 Revelation 7:9-17 ~ page 999 John 10:22-30 ~ page 873

Musician for today:

Rut Moreno, oboe

^{*}The congregation will please stand.