



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Just because I’m a wren doesn’t mean I can’t preach an eagle message. Of course I can. Is that a lack of integrity if I preach something bigger than I can even feel, if I preach a message that I haven’t even grown to? That’s not a lack of integrity. That’s accepting the call. That’s what it is because there’s too much at stake to do otherwise.”

-Fred B. Craddock

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 August 21, 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

Silence is so countercultural for most of us that it takes a lot of practice before we can do it together...I like to think that silence is not only one of the best gifts we can offer one another but also one of the signs that the Holy Spirit has come upon us.

-Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church*, adapted

The Prelude "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Wood

The Call to Worship "Blessed Ye the Lord" Ippolitof-Ivanof
*Bless ye the Lord our God, All ye his angels fair,
 that so rejoice in His strength.
 O blessed art Thou, eternal One.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 311 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" ODE TO JOY

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
 each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
 In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
 God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
 brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
 spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;
 Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again;
 in the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then.
 Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast:
 God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

*The Litany of Praise Ansley Poole

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord! With our whole hearts, let us praise the name of the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord! And, let us remember all that the Lord does for us:

Leader: The Lord forgives, heals, and redeems.

People: The Lord crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Leader: The Lord fills our lives with goodness and renews our spirits.

People: The Lord works righteousness and justice for the oppressed.

All: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
 abounding in steadfast love. Praise the name of the Lord!

-Psalm 103, 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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 21

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baby Dedication
11:30 a.m.	Wider Net Committee, GH

Monday, August 22

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

Tuesday, August 23

3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
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Wednesday, August 24

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Denominational Relations Committee, GH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 27

11:00 a.m.	Retirement Celebration, Miss. Ag & Forestry Museum
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Sunday, August 28

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baptism

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 3955 Ridgewood Road
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Mindfulness-Based Adult Sunday School Class

Andy Frame and Ginger Parham started a new, weekly mindfulness-based Sunday School class at Northminster, which began August 14. The purpose of the class is to create a space that studies, discusses and uses mindfulness and contemplative prayer techniques. The class will include discussion and meditation based on scripture and book studies from different Christian traditions, such as Richard Rohr, David Steindl-Rast, and Fr. William Johnston, while comparing those teachings and practices to non-Christian traditions, such as Buddhist and secular-mindfulness, to highlight the similarities and understand the differences. The class will meet in Room 102 in the Adult Education Building. If you have any questions about the class, please contact Andy at (601) 500-1508 or frametown@gmail.com.

~~~~~ **Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, August 23
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in August 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.

~~~~~ **THE ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE LABOR DAY POTLUCK**

Sunday, September 4 ~ No Sunday School
Worship in the Sanctuary ~ Lunch in the Great Hall

The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family, plus one more. Please bring serving utensils, and label your dishes and serving pieces.

~~~~~ **Rising First Graders**

Over the coming month, the rising first graders will make their first "official" entrance into the worship service in the sanctuary and participate in worship class!

On Sunday, September 11, rising first graders will begin attending worship and will be recognized at the beginning of the worship service.

Following worship, they and their families will have lunch and then take a more in-depth tour of the sanctuary, work on using a bulletin and a hymnal, talk about why we worship, and create worship bags. Let's make them feel welcome and recognize the ways that their presence enhances the worship experience for all of us!

~~~~~ **STEW POT FOOD PANTRY**

Monday, August 22

Bill Thompson and TBD

Tuesday, August 23

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, August 24

Mary Taylor

Thursday, August 25

Sunny Fowler & Jan McDonnical-Wilson

Friday, August 26

Hilda & Bob Boteler

*The Prayer of Invocation

Ansley Poole

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Cicely Jean Kitchell
Mike Kitchell and Melissa Robinson

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Cicely 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Very often, to say, "I can't...", "I'm too...", "I am only..." is to choose something less than what God desires for us.

God of prophets, pastors, and parishioners,
Help us to live beyond the confines of our self-imposed limitations, beyond our perceived inadequacies, beyond our fears, and into a more expansive, faithful life; remembering that you are always with us. Amen.

-Kenneth Kovacs, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 310 "O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

O, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O, teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

*The Offertory Prayer

Ansley Poole

The Offertory

"Meditation"

Schumann

*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

Luke 13:10-17

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"To First Seek the Kingdom"

Trotta

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
I can do justice, and can love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.

What more does the Lord require?
To first seek the kingdom of God
and its righteousness, and all things,
all these things will be given, unto you.

The Sermon

"Concerning the Future of Northminster"

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:

Youth Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:15ish in the Youth House.

There will be donuts and good conversation.

Junior High Night at the Youth House: Today, 5:30pm. 7th and 8th grade only. Come join us for a brief time in the Youth House for just seventh and eighth graders. After which, we'll head to Sal and Mookie's for pizza and ice cream. Pickup will be at 7:00pm (ish) at Sal and Mookie's

Back to Youth: Sunday, August 28, 5:30pm in the Youth House. This event is for Parents and Youth (childcare available for younger siblings). Parents and Youth will eat together before Youth depart for a video scavenger hunt while Parents meet together with Major and other Youth Leaders to talk about the year ahead. When the youth return, we'll put what treasure they discover on the big screen.

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## Retirement Celebration Honoring Marcia and Chuck Poole

Saturday, August 27

11:00-2:00

Forestry Auditorium

Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum

1150 Lakeland Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi

Lunch beginning at 11:30; Program at 1:00

(Luncheon reservations requested by August 22  
neely@northminsterbaptist.org or 601.982.4703)

Parking assistance will be available.

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Retirement Celebration

Further Details:

- Assisted parking needs - use the Ag Museum entrance straight ahead to the Forestry Auditorium
- Other parking will be available at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum
- Full access to all Ag Museum attractions is available to our guests during museum hours 9:00 - 5:00
- Tickets available for carousel and train rides
- Kona Ice truck 11:00 - 2:00

Please send photos for the memory book to be compiled after the celebration to photos@northminsterbaptist.org

Please remember to send reservations to
neely@northminsterbaptist.org by August 22.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, August 22

### Cooks

Amanda Milam  
Peggy Brady  
Patsy Caraway

### Drivers:

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

## **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:**

Michael Grantham is hospitalized at University Medical Center.

Rena Vance is recovering after surgery.

Kirby Boteler is recovering after surgery.

Judy Jernigan is recovering after surgery.

## **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Robbie Cross                           | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Roxanne Aldridge                       | R.W. McCarley   | Libby McGee       |
| Jack Cochran                           | Vivian Thompson | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles |                 |                   |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.** The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry, and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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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 Paul Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver Coordinator for August is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregivers of the Week are Sunny Fowler and Jan McDonnical-Wilson.

The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for August are provided by Kathryn Davis, Jane Claire Williams, and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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

### **August 28**

#### **Firecrackers**

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

#### **Sparklers**

Natalie & Cy Parks

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Brumfield House

August 25

Bryan Bridges

TIME OF RESPONSE

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

-Dan Schutte, *Here I Am, Lord*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace evermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O Happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

"A Song of Wisdom"

White

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 14 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ~ pages 609-610

Psalm 71:1-6 ~ page 463

Isaiah 58:9b-14 ~ page 601

Psalm 103:1-8 ~ page 482

Hebrews 12:18-29 ~ page 979

Luke 13:10-17 ~ page 848

Musician for today:

Amulet Strange, *flute*