



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

A changing song,
a changing walk,
a changing thought.

The song changes by singing
into a different song.
The water descending in its old groove
wears it new. It goes
to seek the level that is lowest,
and then by the sun is raised
again into the air.

-Wendell Berry, *adapted from Leavings*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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

We shake with joy, we shake with grief.
What a time they have, these two
housed as they are in the same body.

-Mary Oliver

The Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Bach/Fox

The Call to Worship "Bless 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. 43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Charles Poole
Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 28

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Baptism
5:00 p.m.	Back to Youth, YH

Monday, August 29

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
-----------	------------------

Wednesday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 4

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Labor Day Picnic, GH

Northminster Baptist Church
3955 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211
601-982-4703
601-982-4705 FAX
www.northminsterbaptist.org

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.

Servers: Dea Dea Baker, Sara Hays,
Gayla and John Purvis, Amy and George Williams

~~~~~

### 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!

~~~~~

Preaching in September

September 4: Major Treadway

September 11: Lesley Ratcliff

September 18: Lesley Ratcliff

September 25: Dean Jonathan Walton, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

~~~~~

### Children's Birthday Gathering

**Tuesday, September 13  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Children who have a birthday in September 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.

~~~~~

**Elementary Atrium,
Girls of Grace
and
Guys 456
will resume
September 11
5:00 p.m.**

*The Litany of Praise

Thomas Elfert

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: In this special place, in this hour, with this family of faith, let us worship God.

Leader: With joyful hearts overflowing with gratitude, we give thanks for the ministry of Chuck Poole and for the blessing of our shared life with Chuck, Marcia, and their family.

People: With hopeful hearts filled with anticipation, let us give thanks for the opportunities which lie before us and seek the kingdom of God.

All: God of all our endings and beginnings, give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow, helping us to remember that God is always with us, always for us, and will never leave us alone.

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Thomas Elfert

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Charlotte Poole

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Charlotte, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

What we choose changes us. Who we love transforms us. How we create remakes us. Where we live reshapes us. So in all our choosing, God make us wise. In all our loving, Christ make us bold. In all our creating, Spirit give us courage. In all our living may we become whole.

-Barbara Brown Taylor

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 678 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*The Offertory Prayer

Thomas Elfert

The Offertory

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Trotter

*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 14:1, 7-14

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"My Eternal King"

Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby.
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ. Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thy self hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

The Sermon

"A Summing Up"

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.

Back to Youth: Today, 5:00pm 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.

First Sunday at the Youth House: September 11, 5:00pm. Sunday nights at the Youth House resume. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

Stewpot: Saturday, October 1, 9:30am. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen, prepare a meal and serve it at Stewpot; then, we will eat lunch together.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, September 21

Cooks

Carolyn McIntyre
Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin & Luke Dove
Rt. 2 Gwen Anderson & Monica Daniels

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 4

Chapel Coordinators

Anna & Andy Frame

Firecrackers

Laura & Patrick Taylor

Sparklers

Sandra & Rob Triplett

Brumfield House

September 1

TBA

September 8

Mike Peters

ADULT MINISTRIES SURVEY

The Adult Ministries Committee is seeking your ideas for Adult Education and Spiritual formation.



If you are an adult, regardless of your previous participation in Adult Ministries offerings, please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5277QMD> to fill out the survey. Thank you!

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:

Jim Hess is hospitalized at Hospice Ministries.

Carla Holt is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Dargan Eley on the birth of their son, Clyde Gordon Eley. Clyde is also welcomed by Jim and Leigh Eley.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Michael Grantham Sue Edwards Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge R.W. McCarley Libby McGee
Jack Cochran Vivian Thompson Gorman Schaffer
Robbie Cross

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Twelfth 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. Today, however, the church is dressed in red, in honor of the Spirit’s work among us through the life of Chuck and Marcia Poole on the occasion of Chuck’s retirement.

~~~~~

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 August is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver Coordinator for August is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver Coordinator for September is Janice Joyner.

The Caregiver of the Week is Ginger Parham.

The Liturgist for August is Amy Williams.

The Liturgist for September is Gwen Anderson.

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

The Flowers for September are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

The Usher Captains for September are Usher Committee/Captains.

~~~~~

Pastoral Care Number

As we move into this next new chapter, there will be moments when we all think “I should call Chuck about that.” We hope that when you have that thought, especially for matters of pastoral care and church business, that you will call Major or Lesley.

Beginning September 1st
For pastoral care needs
Call 601.980.1002

TIME OF RESPONSE

“I live my life in widening circles
that reach out across the world.
I may not complete the last one
but I give myself to it.”

-Rainer Maria Rilke

Congregational Blessing

Thomas Elfert

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world,
the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain:

I’m looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain:

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

Toccata on “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Pethel

*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for August 28 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 2:4-13 ~ page 610
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 ~ page 471
Proverbs 25:6-7 ~ page 530
Psalm 112 ~ pages 490-491
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 ~ page 979
Luke 14:1, 7-14 ~ page 849