



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God's justice feels nothing like ours.
The best we can do is meet some outer measure
While God's only measure is God's self;
Not merely restoring a balance,
but tipping everything toward love and communion.

God's justice feels like grace,
Like generosity, like love itself.
God's justice is, in fact, mercy and restoration.
It is compassion, filling in all the gaps that we leave
behind.

God's justice is an almighty and effective love
That leaves no one behind or forgotten,
Not even the so-called unworthy.
We are all worthy simply because God loves us.
God restores all things to their original creation
In God's heart.

-Richard Rohr, *adapted*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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

“The Christian gospel is a summons to peace, calling for justice beyond anger, mercy beyond justice, forgiveness beyond mercy, love beyond forgiveness.”

-Wendell Berry

The Prelude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Pethel

The Call to Worship “Rejoice in God, All Ye Lands” Coker

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 108 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

*The Litany of Praise Marcia Poole

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord;

People: The Lord is our help and our shield.

Leader: In the Lord, our hearts rejoice.

People: For we trust in the Lord's holy name.

**All: May the unfailing love of the Lord be with us, even as we put
our hope in the Lord.**

-Psalm 33:20-22

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Marcia Poole

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 7

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

Monday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 9

5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 14

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Promotion Sunday
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Backpack Blessing/Hymn Sing/
Ice Cream Social
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, August 14

School is getting in gear and so are we! On Sunday, August 14, children will be promoted to their next grade level in Sunday School. Children will receive a postcard with the name of their Sunday School class before Promotion Sunday, and will be greeted at the desk in the children’s department and walked to their new classrooms.

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**Mindfulness-Based Adult Sunday School Class**

Andy Frame and Ginger Parham are starting a new, weekly mindfulness-based Sunday School class at Northminster, beginning 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. If you have any questions about the class, please contact Andy at (601) 500-1508 or [frametown@gmail.com](mailto:frametown@gmail.com).

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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.

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**THANK YOU!**

In the past, the Library Committee has welcomed book donations from our church members. Because of such generosity, the library is now FULL. There is NO shelf space to spare! While this is a happy state, it means we can no longer accept book donations. We appreciate your understanding!

-Diann Arinder  
Chair, Library Committee

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The Witness of Christian Baptism

Alex Williams

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Alex, 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“God’s justice feels nothing like grudging demand, obligation, requirement, command, or prerequisite for love. It feels like largesse to anyone who knows it. It forces magnanimity from our stingy souls. God does not love us because we are just; God loves us so that we can be just in the same way that God is.”

-Richard Rohr, *adapted*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

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

Marcia Poole

The Offertory

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Childs

*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 12:32-40 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Jones

J J Coker, *tenor*
Jack Edwards, *bass*

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us;
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray;
Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray.

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only saviour,
With thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Sermon "Concerning What Matters Most" Charles Poole

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Charles Poole

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

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers 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.

STUDENT NEWS:

Youth Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:15ish in the Youth House. There will be donuts and good conversation.

**Intergenerational Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing,
Backpack Blessing and Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 14
5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

If you would like to make homemade ice cream for this event, please contact Lesley Ratcliff (lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

Brumfield House

August 11

Mitch Peters

August 18

John England

August 25

Bryan Bridges

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

August 14

Chapel Coordinators

Jane Claire & Nason Williams

Firecrackers

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

Sparklers

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, August 17

Cooks

Kathryn Davis

Jan Stewart

Rosemary Porter

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames

Rt. 2 Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

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.

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:

Northminster is saddened by the death of Robyn Chunn, an active member since 2012. Christian sympathy is extended to Rickey and Shaun Chunn, and to all of Robyn’s family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Cori Ely, on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rhodes Ely. Hannah Rhodes is also welcomed by Bowen and Blair, and by Pam and Larkin Carter, and Will, Lanna, Wright and Jones Daniels.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Shaye, Dennis, Reed and Olivia Smith, and Kristi and Bill Fernandez; and Dalton, Andrew and Meili Grace Clark, on the death of Shaye and Kristi's father, Travis Williams.

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:

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 Ninth 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 Jennifer Stribling.  
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for August is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Mary Sue Douglas and Sunny Fowler.  
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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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Hannah Rhodes Ely. The proud parents are Robert and Cori Ely.

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

“The Lord has told you, mortal one, what is good. And what does the Lord require? To do justice. To love kindness. And to walk humbly with your God.”
-Micah 6:8

*The Recessional Hymn No. 708 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS
 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
 Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
 We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear;
 and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
 When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
 But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude Toccatà on “Duke Street” Martin

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for August 7 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 ~ pages 548-549
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 ~ pages 451-452
 Genesis 15:1-6 ~ page 10
 Psalm 33:12-22 ~ page 441
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 ~ page 977
 Luke 12:32-40 ~ page 847

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.