



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All we like sheep have gone astray,
where all turned to our own way.

-Isaiah 53:6

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 September 11, 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

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for the Lord.
 -Psalm 37:7

The Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" Lasky

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. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all praise we would render; O help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*The Litany of Praise Helen Turner

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before the Lord with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: We belong to God, who made us; we are the Lord's people, the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the Lord's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to the Lord and praise the name of the Lord.

-Psalm 100:1-4

*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.

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, September 11

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	First Graders Practice in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Rising First Graders Bible Presentations
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m.	First Grade Worship Class & Lunch, GH
5:00 p.m.	Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m.	Preschool Atrium Orientation
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
6:00 p.m.	Samford University Choir Presentation, Sanctuary

Monday, September 12

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies Cmte., Adult Ed. Building

Tuesday, September 13

3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
5:30 p.m.	Adopt-A-School Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 18

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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Adult Studies in September
A SPIRITUAL POTLUCK

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

All are invited to consider visual art, poetry or music which has spoken to you spiritually, that you would like to bring to Adult Studies to share how that piece has been a channel of the Spirit in your life. If you would like to participate by bringing visual art, poetry, or music, please email Lesley Ratcliff, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org, and a member of the Adult Ministries' committee will follow up with you.

We will take one night for each genre

September 18 – Visual Art

September 25 – Poetry

October 2 – Music

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**Children's Retreat**  
October 1-2, 2022

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat.

*We will leave at 8am on October 1 and return in time for worship at Northminster on October 2.*

***For questions or to sign up, contact Lesley Ratcliff at 601.982.4703 or [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).***

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Women's Book Study

The Book of Joy:

Lasting Happiness in a Changing World

Tuesdays, October 11 – November 1

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Great Hall

Faye Barham will lead us through a discussion of this book which captures conversations between Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, and ponders the question "how do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?"

Books are available in the church office for \$24.

A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.

Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or lesley@northminsterbaptist.org with questions or to sign up.

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**Brumfield House**

**September 15**

Rebecca Wiggs

**September 22**

Scott Wilson

**September 29**

Jeff Wilson

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Helen Turner

The Greeting

Major Treadway

**The Presentation of Bibles to First Graders**

George Davis Frame

James McLennan Guyton

Dowling Stewart Guyton

Jack Colson Kimmel

Mae Estelle Vance

Pastor: This is an exciting time for the children who are gathered before us. They have entered first grade, and many of them have also begun worshipping with us in the sanctuary for the first time.

**People: It is our privilege to make a place for them, for they belong to us, just as we all belong to God.**

Pastor: As we officially welcome our first graders to worship today, we present them with Bibles inscribed with their own names, praying that, as the Scripture is placed into their hands, so it will become written upon their hearts.

**All: Together we give thanks for the children of our congregation and for the Bible; both gifts from God to help us all learn and grow.**

The Lessons

Psalms 51:1-10

I Timothy 1:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

-Psalm 51:1

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**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 relieved;  
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

Helen Turner

The Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Wood

\*The Doxology

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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!



INVITES YOU TO

A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE BANQUET

HONORING WITH VIRTUAL GUEST  
VIRGINIA BUTLER ANNE LAMOTT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m. at  
THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC FAIRVIEW INN  
734 FAIRVIEW STREET, JACKSON MS

REGISTER BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO  
[dpierce@cbj.net](mailto:dpierce@cbj.net)

\$50.00 per person—pay at door by cash, check or credit card  
Please provide names and any dietary restrictions.

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Wednesday Night Supper Resumes September 14
5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall

Come join us for a delicious meal and a brief vespers service!
In an effort to be good stewards of the church's giving,
the Fellowship Committee has raised the cost of the meal by
a few dollars. Cost should not prevent anyone from attending.

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Kathy & Henry Burkhalter,
Amy Williams, M'lee Williams, Anna Katherine Scott

Menu: Baked Pork Loin, Savory Green Salad, Squash Casserole,
Rice Consommé, Yeast rolls, Assorted homemade desserts, Iced Tea

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, September 23**  
**6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by  
calling the church office, **601-982-4703, by Wednesday, September 21.**

Please remember to feed your children before  
they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

**We will also have Parents' Night Out on**  
October 14, November 4,  
and December 9.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 15:1-10 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Jesus Loves Me" Ferguson

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so!  
Little ones to him belong:  
they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain:**

*Yes. Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died  
heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.

**Refrain**

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
he's prepared a home for me,  
and some day his face I'll see.

**Refrain**

The Sermon "When 99 + 1 Equals Joy" Lesley Ratcliff

**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.

## 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. Surveys are due today. Thank you!

### Rising First Graders

Today, rising first graders began 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!

*Preschool & Elementary Atrium,  
as well as SN456 will resume  
Today at 5 pm.*

### Samford University Choir Presentation Today ~ 6:00 pm

The A Cappella Choir from Samford University will present an early semester performance at Northminster on Sunday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Philip Copeland, who has strong roots in Mississippi, having graduated from Ole Miss and Mississippi College. During his tenure as conductor the choir has gained national and international acclaim as one of the South's finest choral ensembles.

### Children's Birthday Gathering Tuesday, September 13 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Children who have a birthday in September are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall between 3:00 and 5:00 pm to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

**Pastoral Care Number**  
601.980.1002

## TIME OF RESPONSE

The very best and utmost attainment in this life is to remain still and let God act and speak in thee.

-Meister Eckhart

\*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

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude

"Praise to the Lord Almighty"

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*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for September 11 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 ~ pages 613-614  
Psalm 14 ~ page 430  
Exodus 32:7-14 ~ page 69  
Psalm 51:1-10 ~ page 452  
I Timothy 1:12-17 ~ page 963  
Luke 15:1-10 ~ page 850

**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 Jim Hess, an active member of Northminster since 2018. Christian sympathy is extended to Sheila and to all of Jim’s family and friends.

⌄ Northminster is saddened by the death of Barry Aden, an active member of Northminster since 1968. Christian sympathy is extended to Carolyn and to Anne Russell and Scott Bradley, Leigh and Mike Box, Katherine and Patrick Rhodes, Aden Marie Burchak, Barrie and Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey, and to all of Barry’s family and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Devere and Lawana McLennan on the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Mims “Mimi” McLennan. Mimi is also welcomed by her parents, Mims and Kelsey, her brother, Ander, and Kelly, Josh, James, Dowling and Demi Guyton.

**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 Fourteenth 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 Smith Boykin.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver Coordinator for September is Janice Joyner.
The Caregivers of the Week are Patricia McClure and Steve Godbold.
The Liturgist for September is Gwen Anderson.
The Flowers for September are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.
The Usher Captains for September are Keith Davis, Nancy Smith, Dawn Warrington and Matt Kelly.

STUDENT NEWS:

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

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

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

For Seniors Only: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Beginning Wednesday, September 21, all high school seniors are welcome to join Major for a series of discussions about important topics for life after high school - changing a tire, doing laundry, cooking a meal, choosing a church, planning a trip, etc.

Fall Retreat: November 12-13: Put these dates on your calendar now. Stay tuned for more details.

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

~ immediately following the worship service ~

**Agenda:**

Approve the 2022-2023 Education Leadership  
Election of Deacons

**Deacon Nominees**

Cheryl Allen      Justin Beard      Trey Clark  
Mary Ellen Stancill      Holly Wiggs      Dudley Wooley

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, September 21

Cooks

Carolyn McIntyre
Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch

Drivers

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin & Luke Dove
Rt. 2 Beverly Raddin & Monica Daniels

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**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**September 18**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

**Firecrackers**

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

**Sparklers**

Leah & Tal Hendrix

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The Northminster Pulpit

During this season of our lives between Senior Pastors, Northminster welcomes the following ministers to the pulpit to offer the sermon for the day:

September 18: Lesley Ratcliff
September 25: Jonathan Walton, Dean, Wake Forest University School of Divinity
October 2: Major Treadway
October 9: Gene Corbin, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church