



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Change is the nursery of music, joy, life and eternity.
-John Donne

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

-Romans 12:2

The Prelude "All My Hope on God Is Founded" Callahan
The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Yarrington

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song,
Bless the Lord!*

*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 George Watson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: I will praise you my God and King, and always honor your name.

People: I will praise you each day and always honor your name.

Leader: You are wonderful, Lord, and you deserve all praise.

People: You are much greater than anyone can understand.

All: Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful and powerful deeds.

-Psalm 145:1-3

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

*The Prayer of Invocation George Watson

The Greeting Major Treadway

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

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, 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
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Senior Pastor Search Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, September 20

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
9:00 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed.
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

Sunday, September 25

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
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

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Committee on Committees

Northminster Family of Faith,

The Committee on Committees has begun its annual process to prepare the roster of committee membership and leadership for the coming year, and we need your help. Especially as we enter this important time of transition, all of us are called to support Northminster's work and ministry. Our committees are our backbone, working each day to enhance our church's worship, ministries, and administration.

The details of this process were included in the congregational letter previously mailed (and emailed) along with a survey. As you think about the ways to offer your time and energy, thank you for your service to our church.

Please indicate your interest to serve beginning in 2023 by completing the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT3QX8M> or you can scan the QR code to complete the survey.

Also, a paper copy can be returned by email to neely@northminsterbaptist.org, or mailed to the church. All forms are due by October 7.

Jeff Stancill, Chair
Committee on Committees



MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, September 21

Cooks

Carolyn McIntyre
Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch

Drivers

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 25

Firecrackers

Kelly & Josh Guyton

Sparklers

Caroline & Kirk Sims

Brumfield House

September 22

Scott Wilson

September 29

Jeff Wilson

STEWOPOT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, October 17

Hilda & Bob Boteler

Tuesday, October 18

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, October 19

Mary Taylor

Thursday, October 20

Bill Thompson & Amy Williams

The Lessons

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

I Timothy 2:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:9

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Eddie Mahaffey

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 60 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

*The Offertory Prayer

George Watson

The Offertory

"Andante"

Mendelssohn

*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 16:1-13

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "O How Amiable" Daley
 O how amiable are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts,
 my soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
 My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
 Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, O Lord, ever singing thy praise,
 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
 and establish thou the work of our hands upon us,
 from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

The Sermon "When the Answers are Questions" 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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
 -Psalm 51:10

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
 be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
 I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
 nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
 O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
 my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
 but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
 above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
 O speak, to reassure me, to hasten or control;
 O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
 O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,
 that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
 and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude "Tuba Tune" Lang

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for September 18 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 ~ page 619
 Psalm 79:1-9 ~ page 470
 Amos 8:4-7 ~ page 749
 Psalm 113 ~ page 491
 I Timothy 2:1-7 ~ page 963
 Luke 16:1-13 ~ page 851

Adult Studies in September A SPIRITUAL POTLUCK

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

You are invited to consider visual art, poetry or music which has spoken to you spiritually, and which 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.

Today – Visual Art

September 25 – Poetry

October 2 – Music

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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.

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, October 4

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in October 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.

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### Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 26

5:30-7:00 p.m.

~ Giant Slide ~ Games ~

~ Cookout ~ Cupcake Walk ~

~Pumpkin Painting~

**Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to join us in the "backyard" of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the youth house at *no charge*.

**Rain will cancel.**

Non-Scary Costumes Preferred.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

## **STUDENT NEWS:**

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

**Sunday Night at the Youth House:** Today at 5:00 p.m. 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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Children's Retreat

October 1-2, 2022

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

We will leave at 8 a.m. 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.

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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 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions or to sign up.

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Wednesday Night Supper September 21

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: Ann Calhoon, Mary Heard, Gayla Purvis

Cashier: George Luter

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

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.

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 Fifteenth 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 baptism 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 Carrie Blount.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver Coordinator for September is Janice Joyner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Lisa Cobb and Cindy Wilson.

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.

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

October 2: Major Treadway

October 9: Gene Corbin, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church

October 16: Major Treadway

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### **Pastoral Care Number**

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