



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“The kingdom of Heaven, which Jesus talked about all the time, is, as Jesus said, here. At hand. It’s now. Wherever you are. In ways you’d never expect.”

-Nadia Bolz-Weber

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

All Saints' Sunday

November 6, 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

“When you remember me, it means you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are....”

-Whistling in the Dark, Fredrick Buechner

The Prelude “When I Can Read My Title Clear” Wood

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful 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. 751 “For All the Saints” *SINE NOMINE*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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
Office Manager
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, November 6

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion/All Saints'
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Committee, NCC
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:00 p.m. Dogwood Planting, Memorial Garden
5:30 p.m. All Saints' Vesper Service, Sanctuary

Monday, November 7

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

Tuesday, November 8

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Celebration, GH

Wednesday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Youth depart for Fall Retreat

Sunday, November 13

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
3:00 p.m. Youth return from Fall Retreat
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, November 7

Cooks

Kelly Hicks
Annette Hitt
Kandy Sims

Drivers

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame, Gayla Purvis
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

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***Children's Birthday Gathering***

***Tuesday, November 8***

***3:00-5:00 p.m.***

Children who have a birthday in November 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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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 4

6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC

Make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, December 2.

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

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**November 10**

Jimmy Allen

**November 17**

Susan O'Mara

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

November 13

Chapel Coordinators

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Firecrackers

Mary McCall & Will McArthur

Sparklers

Lisa & Farrar Strum

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**Wednesday Night Supper**

**November 9 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall**

Come join us for a delicious meal and a brief vespers service!

**Servers:** Amy Williams, Mary Heard, Judy & Joe Rankin and Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

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

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Pastoral Care Number

601-980-1002

*The Litany of Praise

Monica Daniels

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion

All: Slow to anger and great in mercy.

Leader: The Lord is good to all.

**All: And the Lord's tender mercies are over all the Lord's works.
Amen.**

-Psalm 145

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Monica Daniels

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

**IN MEMORIAM
From Last All Saints' Day to This**

Mary Summers Lee

Patricia May Walston

LC James

Martha Holland Collum

Lindy Lafaye Root

Dana Earl Kelly

William "Billy" Douglas Mann

Emily Lewis Smith

Robyn Brackett Chunn

Barry Burleigh Aden

James Courtney Hess

William Patrick "Billy Pat" Edgar

Dianne Kay Huedepohl Metzner

The Lessons

Psalm 17:1-9

Major Treadway

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"Someone I loved once gave me
a box full of darkness.

It took me years to understand
that this, too, was a gift."

-*The Uses of Sorrow*, Mary Oliver

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 692 "Faith of Our Fathers" *ST. CATHERINE*

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will strive to win all nations unto thee,
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

*The Offertory Prayer *Monica Daniels*

The Offertory "Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal" *Bach*

*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 20:27-38* *Major Treadway*

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Blessed Are the Dead" *Larkin*

Blessèd are the dead who died in the Lord, our God.
"Blessèd indeed," says the Spirit,
"that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow them."

BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and a gift. On Sunday, December 4, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by:

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on December 4 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to Boarding Homes

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### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONGS & THE LIVING NATIVITY

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all 1st through 6th graders, are invited to be a part of the Living Nativity which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

This year, in addition to the Living Nativity, our children will be leading in worship through Advent Candle Lighting Songs. These songs will be led by small ensembles of children each week. We will add two extra rehearsals to Living Nativity rehearsals this year to prepare for these additional songs.

Practice will begin on November 13! The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

**November 13 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 11 from 9-9:30 a.m.**  
**November 20 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 18 from 9-9:30 a.m.**  
**November 27 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 24 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**December 4 from 9-9:30 a.m.**

All rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, except for December 24, when we will meet in the Great Hall. Because rehearsal times are short, please be on time and present for as many rehearsals as possible.

Children participating in an ensemble must make at least two rehearsals prior to the date they will lead in worship. If your child would like to participate in one of the ensembles, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/j3P2R55yag5247L99>.

If your child would like to participate in the Living Nativity but not one of the ensembles, you do not need to fill out the form. We look forward to our children leading us in worship throughout the season of Advent!

## **STUDENT NEWS**

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:** 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

**For Seniors Only:** Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 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.

**Spring Break Trip:** March 11-15. Universal Studios Florida. A week of good fun, good fellowship, and good memories in the making. Cost: \$500. Sign up in the Youth House or contact Major by December 1.

**Passport 2023:** June 18 - 26. Converse University, Spartanburg, SC. Summer Camp. Meaningful Missions. Creative Discipleship. Fun. Cost: \$425. Sign-up in the Youth House or with Major.

**Mystery Trip 2023:** July 6 - 11. Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! Cost: \$250. Sign-up in the Youth House or with Major.

*(Cost should never be a barrier to participation, please let Major know if you or someone you know needs financial assistance to participate.)*

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ADULT STUDIES THIS FALL

A STUDY OF THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

Led by Diann Arinder

5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building

November 13

"How plain, how full, and how deep a compendium of genuine Christianity!"

John Wesley, like others across the ages, appreciated the epistles of John.

Join us as we explore the riches of these works!

If you wish to join by zoom, the meeting information is as follows:

Meeting ID: 843 1490 6029 Passcode: Studies

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#### **NORTHMINSTER ANGEL TREE**

Beginning Sunday November 20, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so, but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. **Monday, December 12, is the last day to bring gifts.** Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table

Major Treadway

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 and receive the bread into open hands. After having received it, worshippers will return by the outside aisle, be seated, and each eat the bread.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Receive the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

### **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**

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts..."

-II Thessalonians 2:16

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 749 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

\*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Postlude

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for November 6 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9 ~ page 768
- Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 ~ pages 506-507
- Psalm 98 ~ page 480
- Job 19:23-27a ~ pages 405-406
- Psalm 17:1-9 ~ page 431
- II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ~ pages 961-962
- Luke 20:27-38 ~ pages 855-856

### 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:*

**November 13:** Joey Shelton, Dean of Chapel & Director of Church Relations, Millsaps

**November 20:** Stan Wilson, Former Associate Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church

**November 27:** Lesley Ratcliff

**December 4:** Major Treadway

### Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all 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.

### 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zac and Tori Wilson Thompson, on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, October 29.

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is All Saints' Sunday.** The liturgical color is white, a symbol of Resurrection.

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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 John England.
 The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.
 The Caregiver Coordinator for November is Gail England.
 The Caregivers of the Week are Kathleen Geary and Amanda Milam.
 The Liturgists for November are Monica Daniels and Shirley Foster.
 The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle.
 The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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### ALL SAINTS' VESPER SERVICE AND TREE PLANTING TODAY

This evening, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an **All Saints' Vesper Service**, at which time the names which have been submitted by the congregation will be read aloud.

We will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the memorial garden at the north end of the campus.

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Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

You may have noticed a new tab on Northminster's website, "Pastor Search." This tab is for interested candidates, and your search committee has spent a good deal of time trying to distill into one page information prospective pastors would find most relevant. Feel free to share this broadly with pastors and laypersons alike – anyone who might help us identify the best candidates for Northminster.