



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Arise, Thou Sun so longed for...
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of Earth’s redemption,
And ever be with Thee!”

-Rejoice, All Ye Believers

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023
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

To pray effectively we must want what God wants...
That and that only is to pray in the will of God.

-A.W. Tozer

The Prelude "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away" Bach

The Call to Worship "This Still Room" Davenport

*And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room,
For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control;
The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs;
And from the silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 62 *ST. DENIO*
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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 Slates Veazey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**People: Yet, God, we live as though light had never driven out
darkness, and love had never driven out hate.**

Leader: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.

People: Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.

Leader: Let us all rejoice in the miracle of Love.

All: Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

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, January 15

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:45 a.m. Youth Committee, YH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium
& SN456

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

Monday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
8:30 a.m. Youth MLK Service Day
9:00 a.m. Elementary Service Day
11:30 a.m. Preschool Play Date

Tuesday, January 17

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 22

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Girls' Scavenger Hunt
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Ad. Ed. Building

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Please Be Aware

Emails and texts are going around that appear to be coming from the pastors asking for help with an urgent favor that involves purchasing gift cards.

This is a scam.

Major and Lesley will not contact you by email or text asking for money or gift cards. Please delete these texts or emails and do not respond.

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**Girls' Scavenger Hunt**      **Guys' Scavenger Hunt**  
Sunday, January 22              Sunday, January 29

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

First through 6th grade girls are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack on January 22, and first through 6th grade guys are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack on January 30.

We'll meet at the Northminster Playground to start the hunts!

Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children (12 and under) with a \$25 family maximum.

January 18:

Servers: Sandi Rhoden, Sam Sanders, M'lee Williams, Gayla Purvis and Amy Williams

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: Red Beans and Rice
Savory Green Salad
French Bread
King Cake
Iced Tea

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON**

**February 5**

**Immediately Following Worship**

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children's Ministries the way we do Children's Ministries at Northminster, talk about upcoming Children's Ministries activities, and share our gratitude for those who lead our children in Sunday School and Sunday night activities. Children and their families, and all children's department teachers and their families are invited, but anyone who would like to learn more about Children's Ministries is welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org by January 27 if you plan to attend!

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation      Slates Veazey

The Greeting      Major Treadway

The Lessons      Isaiah 49:1-7  
I Corinthians 1:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

The way to cover sin is to uncover it through meditation.  
- Teresa of Avila

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer      Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 635      "He Leadeth Me"      *L.M.Ref.*

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do where'r I see,  
since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain:**

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

**Refrain**

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

**Refrain**

\*The Offertory Prayer      Slates Veazey

The Offertory      "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"      Manz

\*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                                      John 1:29-42                                      Lesley Ratcliff  
Leader:      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People:      **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem                                      “He Comes to Us This Carpenter”                                      Ferguson  
He comes to us this carpenter of ancient Galilee.  
The one whose call to servant love began beside the sea;  
the one whose cry for righteousness was throttled on a tree;  
the one no tomb could ever hold, for God has set him free.  
It is this Christ, the Holy One, that we are called to know.  
It is this table turning Lord whose teachings we must sow.  
Our mission is to be like him, to risk, to strive, to grow;  
to stretch the boundaries of our love to honor friend and foe.  
Immersed in study of the Word, and constant in our prayer,  
we seek to be a family of faith, of trust, of care.  
With worship as our centerpiece and with our gifts to share  
we’ll be ambassadors for Christ, his name we’ll humbly bear.

The Sermon                                      “Singing the Servant’s Song”                                      Major Treadway

**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 an invitation to membership by 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 come forward at this point in the service.

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Oh, feed me this day, Holy Spirit, with  
The fragrance of the fields and the freshness  
Of the oceans which you have made, and help me  
To hear and to hold in all dearness those exacting  
And wonderful words of our Lord Christ Jesus, saying:  
*Follow me.*

- Mary Oliver

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 710                                      *AUSTRIAN HYMN*  
“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne,

We are called to be God’s servants, working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God’s prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God’s will.

***The 2023 Women’s Retreat***

February 24-26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

We will listen to each other's stories, participate in guided spiritual practices and deepen our friendships with one another.

Cost: \$175 per person; \$250 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending.

If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Lesley Ratcliff,  
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

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CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 22

Chapel Coordinators

Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill

Firecrackers

Josh & Kelly Guyton

Sparklers

Kirk & Caroline Sims

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**January 19**

Mary Ellen Stancill

**January 26**

Skipper Jernigan

**February 2**

Joe Sims

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Church Keys and Key Cards

If you have rotated off of a committee, and will not be using your key or key card, please return them to the office. We will need to reissue them.

Additionally, please let us know if you are currently using a key or key card by emailing lward@northminsterbaptist.org or calling the church office at 601-982-4703.

Thank you.

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**Northminster & Beth Israel Pulpit Swap**

February 10th and 12th

In celebration of the ongoing friendship between Northminster and Beth Israel Congregation, Beth Israel will welcome Rev. Major Treadway to the pulpit on Friday, February 10th at 6:00pm, and Northminster will welcome Rabbi Joseph Rosen to the pulpit on Sunday, February 12th at 10:30am. Members of both congregations are encouraged to attend both services!

## Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 22 through Sunday, March 5

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Library

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church, or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY FOLLOW-UP

Tuesday, January 24

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Great Hall

We will meet one more time to discuss the **Book of Joy**, and specifically the joy practices.

The joy practices begin on page 307.

Hope you can join us for this discussion!

There will be a light supper for \$8.

For questions or to sign up please contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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## STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

**Monday, January 23**

Bill Thompson

Ginger Parham

**Tuesday, January 24**

Laine and Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, January 25**

Mary Taylor

**Thursday, January 26**

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnieal-Wilson

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, January 18

Cooks

Jo Ann Welch

Carolyn McIntyre

Shari Culver

Drivers

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence

Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Peggy Brady

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers!

Meals on Wheels needs a driver for Wednesdays and a cook for Mondays.

If you are interested, please notify the following:

Drivers contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436

Cooks contact Peggy Brady at 601-201-6242

*The Benediction

Major Treadway

*The Postlude

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

Weber

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for January 15 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Isaiah 49:1-7 ~ page 592

Psalms 40:1-11 ~ page 446

I Corinthians 1:1-9 ~ page 926

John 1:29-42 ~ pages 862-863

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 Marty and Lisa Cobb on the birth of their grandson, Robert Battle Nix. The proud parents are Leslie and Peter Nix. Battle is also welcomed by Katie Lee Lloyd and Chris, Paul and Evelyn Eason.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bo and Polly Bourne on the birth of their granddaughter, Mary Olive Bourne. The proud parents are Davis and Olive Bourne. Mary Olive is also welcomed by Lloyd, Jain and Anders Bourne and Knowlton Bourne.

Eliza Skene is hospitalized at Children’s of Mississippi Hospital.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus’ earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

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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 Susan O’Mara.  
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver Coordinator for January is Jean Welsh.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre.  
The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.  
The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and Kandy Sims.  
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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Adult Studies

**From Fear to Love:
Spiritual Grounding in Anxious Times**

*January 22 and 29; February 5, 19 and 26
5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building*

Jill Buckley and Margie Van Meter will offer this video-based series from the Henri Nouwen Center. Gatherings will include some video viewing, and further exploration of topics such as “Naming Fear, Claiming Hope” and “Transforming Anxiety into Hospitality.”

For questions, or to sign up, please contact Lesley Ratcliff, lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

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: Tonight at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

MLK Service Day: Monday, January 16. Come and join in the effort to help clean up in MidCity. Meet at Northminster at 8:30am or at the Gorden Park at 9:00am. Wear close toed shoes and work gloves (if you have them). We’ll finish up around 12:30. Lunch will be provided by the Northminster children.

Super Bowl Party: February 12, 5:00 p.m. until half-time is over. Come and watch the game, watch the commercials, or just eat and hang out. Just come. We’ll watch the first half of the game and the halftime show.

Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction: February 19. Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips.

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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**Preschool  
Play Date**

**Monday, January 16**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Great Hall**

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**Elementary
Service Day**

Monday, January 16

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at Northminster at 9:00 a.m. for a service day and return to Northminster by 1:00 p.m.

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**Let’s Meet at the Park!**

The Wider Net Committee is supporting the Mid City Neighborhood for a community cleanup on Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

All who would like to participate can come at 9 a.m., and park at the yellow church (1622 Wood Street) or at Gorden Park (1430 Bailey Ave.) There will be some gloves, trash grabbers and trash bags there, but you are welcome to bring your own in case they run out.