



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine  
And visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

-Bianco de Siena, 15<sup>th</sup> c.

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
 January 22, 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

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
 Heirs of salvation, trusting God's promise,  
 Faithfully now, God's praises we sing.

-Michael Saward, 1981

The Prelude "Creator of the Stars of Night" Held  
 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. 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 Anne Guidry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We look to the Lord as our light and our salvation;

**People: Whom, then, shall we fear?**

Leader: The Lord is the strength of our lives!

**People: Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: In God's presence I will offer sacrifices of praise;

**All: And I will sing my praises to the Lord my Redeemer.**

-Psalm 27, adapted

\*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  
 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  
 Lamennis Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 22**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 3:30 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, Adult Ed. Building

**Monday, January 23**

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

**Tuesday, January 24**

6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study Follow-up, GH

**Wednesday, January 25**

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

**Sunday, January 29**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 3:30 p.m. Guys' Scavenger Hunt  
 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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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

February 5

## Immediately Following Worship

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children's Ministries as we do at Northminster, to talk about upcoming Children's Ministries activities, and to share our gratitude for those who lead 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.

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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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### **Church Keys and Key Cards**

If you have rotated off 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.

\*The Prayer of Invocation

Anne Guidry

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 9:1-4  
I Corinthians 1:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

It behooves you to lead a dying life: the more that you can die to yourself here, the more that you can live for God.

-Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

### INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 532 "Be Thou My Vision"

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Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Anne Guidry

The Offertory "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

Wold

\*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

Matthew 4:12-23

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "He Comes to Us" Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,  
as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: Follow thou me!  
And sets us to the task which He has to fulfill for our time.  
He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,  
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall  
pass through in His fellowship and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in  
their own experience Who He is.

**Chorale:**

*Morning Star, how fair and bright,  
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!  
O Sovereign meek and lowly.*

*Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,  
My Lord and Master, Thou has won  
My heart to serve Thee solely!*

*Thou art holy, fair and glorious,  
All victorious, rich in blessing,  
Rule and might o'er all possessing.*

The Sermon "Dropping the Nets" Jason Coker

**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.

**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**January 26**  
Skipper Jernigan  
**February 2**  
Joe Sims  
**February 9**  
Mike Peters  
**February 16**  
Ginger Parham

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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 6:15 p.m.; and Northminster will welcome Rabbi Joseph Rosen to the pulpit on Sunday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Members of both congregations are encouraged to attend both services!

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**Girls' Scavenger Hunt      Guys' Scavenger Hunt**

Today                                      Sunday, January 29

**3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

First through 6th grade girls are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack today, and first through 6th grade guys are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack on January 29.

We'll meet at the Northminster Children's Entrance to start the hunts!

Contact Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto: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 25**

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo with Rice  
Savory Green Salad  
French Bread  
Bread Pudding  
Iced Tea

**Servers:** M'Lee Williams, Kathy and Henry Burkhalter,  
Cindy Reed, Amy Williams, Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

## Northminster Essentials

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).

## STEWPOD 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

## *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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### January 29

#### **Firecrackers**

Chris & Paul Eason

#### **Sparklers**

Amy & Matt Thames

### February 5

#### **Chapel Coordinators**

Anna & Andy Frame

#### **Firecrackers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

#### **Sparklers**

Christine & Bryan Bridges

## TIME OF RESPONSE

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into marvelous light.

-I Peter 2:9

\*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.

\*The Benediction

Jason Coker

\*The Postlude

"God Himself Is Present"

Burkhardt

\**The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for January 22 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 9:1-4 ~ page 555

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 ~ page 437

I Corinthians 1:10-18 ~ page 926

Matthew 4:12-23 ~ page 785

## About Our Pulpit Guest

The Rev. Dr. K. Jason Coker is the national director of Together for Hope, the rural development coalition of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is also the Field Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mississippi. After nearly two decades of life and ministry in Connecticut, Coker returned to his home state of Mississippi to work for peace and justice in areas of persistent rural poverty. The lessons of human compassion and equality he learned as a minister guide his work in poverty relief.

He is the author of *James in Postcolonial Perspective: The Letter as Nativist Discourse* (Fortress Press, 2015) and *Faded Flowers: Preaching in the Aftermath of Suicide* (Smyth & Helwys, 2020). He also is the co-editor of *Bible and Theory: Essays in Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Stephen D. Moore* (Fortress Academic, 2020).

**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**

Jack Root is recovering after surgery.

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

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

|                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 Third 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 Thomas Elfert.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for January is Jean Welsh.

The Caregivers of the Week are Zina and Steve Bass.

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**

**Today and January 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 at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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**Chapel Communion**

The Deacons have resumed offering communion between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when communion is offered during the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**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.

**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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**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:*

- January 29:** Lesley Ratcliff
- February 5:** Major Treadway
- February 12:** Joseph Rosen, Rabbi, Beth Israel Congregation
- February 19:** Youth Sunday

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, January 23**

**Cooks**

Faye Barham  
Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan

**Drivers**

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

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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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).