



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

In the year that King Uzziah died,  
I saw the Lord, high and lifted up.  
And the Lord said, “Whom shall  
I send, and who will go for me?”  
Then I said, “Here I am, Lord.  
Send me.”

-Isaiah 6:1,8

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
January 8, 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

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for such people the Father seeks as worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in Spirit and in truth.

-John 4:23-24

The Prelude            “What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright”            Wood

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. 20 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”            ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

\*The Litany of Praise            Jeff Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Give to the Lord, O ye people, Give to the Lord glory and might.

**People: Give to the Lord the glory due to God's name.  
Worship the Lord in holy array.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
The God of glory thunders.

**People: The voice of the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the  
Lord is powerful and majestic.**

**All: The Lord will give strength to God's people. The Lord will  
bless God's people with peace.**

-Psalm 29, *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  
Lamenais Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, January 8**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Deacon Ordination  
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Committee, NCC  
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456  
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

**Monday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

**Tuesday, January 10**

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

**Wednesday, January 11**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

The Greeting

The Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Acts 10:34-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Lord, you have come to us in the fullness of time.  
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.  
Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.  
Let all rejoice in the miracle of love.  
Let Christ come into the fullness of our time.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.

Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,  
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.

Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;  
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.

For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

\*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Jeff Wilson

Wood

\*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 3:13-17

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Equip Us for Your Service, Lord”

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Equip us for your service, Lord, that we, in every place  
may show convincing evidence of your creative grace.  
Your treasure trove of talents we receive with grateful joy.  
Now give insight and wisdom, Lord, and skill in their employ.

So free us for your service, Lord, that we, in ev'ry place,  
may show convincing evidence of your redeeming grace.  
Occasions lost or squandered through our laziness and fear,  
forgive us, Model Servant; then give strength to persevere.

Inspire us for your service, Lord, that we, in ev'ry place  
may show convincing evidence of your renewing grace.  
Refocus minds turned inward and refresh hearts dulled by care  
that of the needs of others we may better be aware.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, all glory be to you  
when through your gifts we evidence the will to think and do  
such things as serve our neighbors and bring honor to the One  
whose name is on us all: Christ Jesus, God's own Son.

**THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS**

The Presentation of the Candidates for Installation and Ordination

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

The Charge to the Candidates

Major Treadway

**Pastor:** Cheryl, Justin, Trey, Mary Ellen, Holly and Dudley, you have been  
turned to by the family of faith to serve the church in a special way.  
Do you trust in Jesus Christ as head of the church? Do you accept the  
meaning and power of the biblical witness in your lives? And do you  
believe that the Christian church has a mission relevant to the needs  
and challenges of our time?

**Deacons: Yes, we do.**

**Pastor:** Will you seek to serve the church with energy, intelligence,  
imagination, love, tolerance, and good humor?

**Deacons: Yes, we will.**

The Charge to the Congregation

**Pastor:** Do you, members of Northminster Baptist Church, accept  
these new deacons to lead us in the work of Christ?

**People: Yes, we do.**

**Pastor:** Do you promise to support them with your encouragement,  
prayers, and Christian love?

**People: Yes, we do.**

**Pastor:** Please join your hearts and voices in the church's prayer for these deacons:

**Unison: Almighty God, in every time you have chosen servants to speak  
your word and lead your people. We thank you for these whom  
you have called to serve in our midst. Grant them the necessary  
gifts to do the work. Make them wise and faithful, humble and  
prophetic, patient and persevering, glad to be what they are and  
expecting much from their life of service in the church. Through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***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 15**

**Firecrackers**

Amanda & Trey Clark

**Sparklers**

Leah & Tal Hendrix

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**January 5**

Scott Wilson

**January 12**

Jeff Wilson

**January 19**

Deacons

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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.

## 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).

## 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).

## STEWPOD FOOD PANTRY

Monday, January 23

Hilda & Bob Boteler

Tuesday, January 24

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, January 25

Mary Taylor

Thursday, January 26

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnial-Wilson

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, January 18

### Cooks

Jo Ann Welch  
Carolyn McIntyre  
Shari Culver

### Drivers

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg  
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 Laying on of Hands

Justin Beard, Trey Clark, Mary Ellen Stancill

The Pronouncement

Lesley Ratcliff

Pastor:

Justin, Trey and Mary Ellen, you are now deacons.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Christ, giving thanks to God. Claim your ministry. Rejoice in the work you have been given. Lead us into the future with hope. *Amen.*

The Presentation of Towels and Certificates

Thomas Elfert

## 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

Christ has come! Let us celebrate with lives that live in the Gospel Christ brought to us.

\*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 hast 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

"All My Hope on God Is Founded"

Burkhardt

\**The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for January 8 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 42:1-9 ~ pages 584-585

Psalms 29 ~ page 438

Acts 10:34-43 ~ page 895

Matthew 3:13-17 ~ pages 784-785

**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**

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 Baptism of the Lord Sunday in the Christian year**, the day when believers throughout the world remember and ponder the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord Sunday is white. Today, however, the church is dressed in red, the liturgical color for ordinations and installations.

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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 January is Annette Hitt.  
 The Caregiver Coordinator for January is Jean Welsh.  
 The Caregivers of the Week are Laine and Bob Hardin.  
 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](mailto: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.** A time to be together, to serve and to reflect.

**Stewpot: Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m.** We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together.

**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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**Children's Birthday Gathering  
Tuesday, January 10  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Children who have a birthday in January are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley

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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.