



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

The same Jesus then accompanies his disciples back down the mountain and walks with them in the ordinary rhythms of their lives. This is the Christ who wants to reign as Lord of our lives in every detail.

-Bishop Barron

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday/Youth Sunday**  
 February 19, 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

If God be our God, God will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, God will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble.

-Thomas Watson, adapted

The Prelude                      "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"                      Paige

The Call to Worship                      "O Be Joyful"                      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. 2    "Holy, Holy, Holy"                      NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
 Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
 which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
 though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
 perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**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	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

**Sunday, February 19**

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Luncheon and Dessert Auction, GH
5:00 p.m.	Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

**Monday, February 20**

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
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**Tuesday, February 21**

4:30 p.m.	Cancer Support, L/CR
6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study, GH

**Wednesday, February 22**

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, GH
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 23**

7:00 p.m.	Dialogue Institute of Mississippi Prayer Vigil, GH
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**Friday, February 24**

*Women leave for retreat*

**Sunday, February 26**

*Women return from retreat*

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
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, Adult Ed. Building

Northminster Baptist Church  
 3955 Ridgewood Road  
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 601-982-4703  
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## OLD BOARD GAMES NEEDED FOR BIBLE CAMP

If you have old board games that you would like to get rid of, please bring them to Northminster and place them in the blue container marked "board games" in the children's area or the office. We will be using the pieces for a Bible Camp craft, so the games do not need to be complete sets. Thanks for helping us prepare for Play It Forward Bible Camp 2023!

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### Prints of Wyatt Waters Painting

Would you like to have a print of the Wyatt Waters painting presented to Chuck and Marcia Poole on the occasion of their retirement? Prints will be 9.25" x 12" and will cost \$135.00 each. At least 20 must be ordered for the limited edition to be produced.

If you are interested, please call Neely at 601-982-4703  
or email her at [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org).

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## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Friday, March 3**

**6:00-10:00 p.m.**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office at **601-982-4703 by Wednesday, March 1.**  
Please feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

*We will also have Parents' Night Out*

*April 28.*

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## GUYS VS. GIRLS GAME DAY

**Sunday, March 5**

First through sixth graders are invited for games  
in Northminster's backyard from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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## Children's Birthday Gathering

**Tuesday, March 7**

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

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

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## BRUMFIELD HOUSE

**February 23**

Bryan Bridges

**March 2**

Jimmy Allen

**March 9**

Josh Poole

## \*The Litany of Praise

Thomas Greener

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the nations tremble.

**People: Great is the Lord; the Lord is exalted over all the nations.**

Leader: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at the Lord's footstool.**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests; Samuel was among those who called on the name of the Lord.

**People: They called on the Lord and the Lord answered them.**

Leader: The Lord spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept the statutes and the decrees the Lord gave them.

**People: Lord our God, you answered them.**

**All: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at God's holy mountain.**

-Psalm 99, adapted

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

MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation

The Greeting

William Walker

The Lessons

Exodus 24:12-18

II Peter 1:16-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, God loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost and without compass, God's love encompasses us completely....God loves every one of us, even those who are flawed, rejected, awkward, sorrowful, or broken.

-Dieter F. Uchtdorf, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Roger Stribling

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 678 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Thomas Greener

The Offertory

"Let All Things Now Living"

Cherwien

\*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 17:1-9

Obruche Carson

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"With Songs of Rejoicing"

Bach/Hopson

Bailey Blount  
Lucy Elfert  
George Watson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord.  
For He has done marvelous things!  
Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and trumpet employ.  
The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy.  
The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

Come make a joyful noise. Sing to the Lord Alleluia!

The Sermon

Ivey Yelverton  
Lucy 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.

## Northminster Essentials

Sundays through 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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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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.

**February 22**

**Menu:** Crunchy Romaine Toss, Fried Chicken, Rice Consommé,  
Baby Lima Beans, Biscuits and Cornbread, Strawberry Shortcake, Iced Tea

**Servers:** Sandi Rhoden, Kathy Burkhalter, M'lee Williams,  
Amy Williams and Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

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## A Lenten Gift

The Worship Committee has prepared the annual Lenten Guide, *A Lenten Journey*, for use in the daily worship and meditations of our Northminster congregation and friends. Based on scriptures drawn from the Daily Lectionary, *A Lenten Journey* will provide thoughts from Worship Committee members for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22.

The Guide in booklet form will be available in the church office, in the foyer outside the office, in the Library, and in the Great Hall, as well as in gathering areas outside the Sanctuary. It will also be available by a link on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**February 26**

**Firecrackers**

Emileigh & Brennan Williams

**Sparklers**

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Monday, February 27**

**Cooks**

Kelly Hicks  
Gail England  
Ann Calhoon

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

## ADULT STUDIES

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

Today and February 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Adult Education Building

Jill Buckley and Margie Van Meter are offering 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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### Do You Hear What I Hear?

Let the Psalms sing to you in your own small group setting!

Participants are invited to experience the Psalms in a personal way.

- ◆ Form your own group, of whatever size
- ◆ Agree on a convenient time and place to gather
- ◆ Download a guide sheet with suggestions and discussion starters
- ◆ Begin each session with a brief online video, then as a group explore the Psalms
- ◆ Independent groups will meet three or more times, according to their choice

If you prefer, you may attend an on-site meeting in the  
Adult Education building at 5:30 p.m. on March 5, 19 and 26.

For more information or to establish a group, email Lesley  
at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

Unique in scripture, the Hebrew hymnal sings to us still!

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### Northminster Women's Retreat 2023

### Memoirs and Meaning

Friday, February 24 – Sunday, February 26  
Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

We will explore stories from memoirs and from Scripture, and we will listen to one another's stories, observing lessons that will renew and challenge our spirits, as we participate in guided spiritual practice 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.

The deadline to sign up has passed. If you would  
like to attend, please contact Lesley Ratcliff as  
soon as possible at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

## TIME OF RESPONSE

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

-Saint Augustine

\*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

Major Treadway

\*The Postlude

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Callahan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for February 19 are found on the following pages in the  
pew Bible:**

Exodus 24:12-18 ~ page 62

Psalms 2 ~ pages 424-425

Psalms 99 ~ pages 480-481

II Peter 1:16-21 ~ page 987

Matthew 17:1-9 ~ page 798

Today is Northminster's annual Youth Sunday. We are grateful for our youth group members who have led us in worship today, prepared liturgy and taught Sunday School.

Thanks be to God for our youth group members and for their leaders.

Youth Liturgists:

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Cover Meditation          | Bailey Blount  |
| Meditation of Preparation | Ivey Yelverton |
| Litany of Praise          | George Watson  |
| Meditation of Confession  | Alex Williams  |
| Time of Response          | William Walker |

## 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

|                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**, recalling Christ's appearance in glory to his disciples on the mountain top, at which time God affirmed Jesus as "beloved Son." The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the glory of Christ.

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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 Deacons of the Week are Justin Beard and Cathy Davis.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiver Coordinator for February is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregivers of the Week are Amy Finkelberg and Susie Friou.

The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for February are provided by Becky Frame and Jane Claire Williams.

The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

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## **UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO**

On Sunday, February 26, Kelley Williams, Sr. will be taking updated photos for the directory in the Narthex immediately following worship. There is no need to sign up. Just show up and have your picture taken!

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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:

**February 26:** Major Treadway

**March 5:** Lesley Ratcliff

**March 12:** Courtney Stamey, Senior Pastor, Northside Baptist Church

**March 19:** Major Treadway

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## **Dialogue Institute of Mississippi**

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Prayer Vigil

Thursday, February 23

7:00-8:00 p.m.

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*The flowers for today are given on the occasion  
of the wedding of Stedman and Turner Strickland.*

## YOUTH NEWS

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

There will be donuts and good conversation.

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

**Sunday Nights at the Youth House:** We will not meet tonight. Join us February 26 at 5:00 p.m. for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

**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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## **ANNUAL LUNCHEON and DESSERT AUCTION**

**Today  
11:45 a.m. ~ Great Hall**

You are invited to our annual luncheon and dessert auction today immediately following the worship service. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Lunch will be catered, followed by the dessert auction hosted by the youth group. Adults and youth within the congregation provide desserts to be sold, with the proceeds supporting the retreats and projects of the youth group. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the youth.

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## **Women's Book Study**

**Tuesdays, February 21, 28 and March 7  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall**

***Hope: A User's Manual*  
by Mary Ann McKibben Dana**

Lesley Ratcliff will lead us through a discussion of this book which explores what hope is, what hope isn't and how to find it in hopeless times.

Books are available in the church office for \$20.  
A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.

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Northminster Great Hall

## **The Imposition of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 22

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.  
Service in the sanctuary immediately after supper.