

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Jesus said to him, “Away with you,
Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the
Lord your God, and serve only God.’”

-Matthew 4:10

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 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

Human beings are rarely satisfied with what they have. Even in the Garden of Eden, where every human need was met—there was no illness, no hunger, no disease, and not even death—Adam and Eve wanted more.

-Dennis Prager, *Genesis*

The Prelude	"To Thee, Lord Jesus, Thanks We Give"	Bach
	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	Hustad

The Call to Worship	"Drop, Drop, Slow Tears"	Gibbons
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*Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

The Procession of the Lenten Banner	Madeleine Wylie
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*The Processional Hymn No. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

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.

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, February 26

8:30 a.m.	<i>Women return from retreat</i>
9:15 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:30 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

5:30 p.m.	Building Maintenance Committee, L/CR
6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study, GH

Wednesday, March 1

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

Friday, March 3

6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out, NCC
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Sunday, March 5

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Bible Camp Committee, NCC
3:30 p.m.	Guys vs. Girls Game Day, Northminster's Backyard
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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Guys' Scavenger Hunt RESCHEDULED

Sunday, March 26

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

First through sixth grade guys are invited
to join us for a scavenger hunt and snack.

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

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

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### BRUMFIELD HOUSE

#### March 2

Jimmy Allen

#### March 9

Josh Poole

#### March 16

Bo Allen

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 5

Chapel Coordinators

Jennifer & Christian Byrd

Firecrackers

Anne McCaslin & Parker Snow

Sparklers

Natalie & Cy Parks

*The Litany of Praise

Cathy Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, You have searched and known us.

People: Lord, You know our transgressions.

Leader: Blessed are we when we acknowledge our sins to the Lord.

People: The Lord is our source of mercy and forgiveness.

Leader: In the Spirit, there is no deceit.

People: Teach us the paths that we should follow.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice in the Lord's righteousness.

-Psalm 32, adapted

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Cathy Davis

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The Spirit at work is at the side of everyone who follows Jesus, to and through temptations, and to and along with Jesus, as it was when Jesus was tempted by Satan.

-Martin E. Marty, *Followers of the Cross*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Eddie Mahaffey

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 200 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" *LAND OF REST*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live by your most holy word.

And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your Passiontide,
forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

*The Offertory Prayer

Cathy Davis

The Offertory

"I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"

Wood

*The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Larkin

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The Sermon

“When Good Things Aren’t the Right Things”

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

Jesus invites you and me to become more and more like Jesus was: the image of God appearing in flesh among us. To follow Jesus is our way-the way to Glory.

-Henri J. M. Nouwen, *From Fear to Love*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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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## 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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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).

## ADULT STUDIES

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

Today 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.

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

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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.

### March 1

**Menu:** Savory Green Salad, Vegetable Beef Soup,  
Cornbread and Crackers, Homemade Desserts, Iced Tea

**Servers:** Anna Katherine Scott, Kathy and Henry Burkhalter,  
Cindy Reed, Amy Williams and Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

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*The Recessional Hymn No. 224 “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

HENDON

Ask ye what great thing I know
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o’er the grave,
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

*The Benediction

Major Treadway

*The Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

German

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for February 26 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 ~ page 2

Psalms 32 ~ page 440

Romans 5:12-19 ~ page 917

Matthew 4:1-11 ~ page 785

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### UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO

Today, 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!

## 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

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Dr. Henry Tyler, a member of Northminster since 1973. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Henry's family and friends.

## 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 | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today is the first Sunday in Lent.

Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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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 Cathy Davis and Justin Beard.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiver Coordinator for February is Sheila Nicholas.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiver Coordinator for March is Faye Barham.

The Caregivers of the Week are Cathy and Jeff Davis.

The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.

The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.

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

The Flowers for March are provided by Jane Claire Williams, Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

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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:

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| <b>March 5:</b>  | Lesley Ratcliff                                          |
| <b>March 12:</b> | Courtney Stamey, Senior Pastor, Northside Baptist Church |
| <b>March 19:</b> | Major Treadway                                           |
| <b>March 26:</b> | Courtney Crump, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church      |

## YOUTH 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.

**Northminster Youth Council:** Sunday, March 5, after worship in the Youth House (lunch provided). Come and be a part of brainstorming and planning upcoming events, activities, and all things Youth. We want to hear from you.

**Spring Break Movie Night:** Tuesday, March 14, 7-ish. Stay tuned for movie and location.

**Spring Break Lanes:** Friday, March 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Highball Lanes. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Strike!

**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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Women's Book Study

Tuesdays, February 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 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).