



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Let your light shine before others, so
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 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

The real test of being in the presence of God is that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether.

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The Prelude "Praise God for this New Day" Bedford

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. 669 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

*The Litany of Praise Anna Katherine Scott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your voice to the Lord like a trumpet.

People: Day by day, let us seek the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is righteous.

People: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord.

Leader: Let your light shine forth like the dawn.

People: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

All: Call on the Lord and the Lord will answer.

-Isaiah 58, adapted

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 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. Children's Ministries Luncheon, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

Wednesday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 12

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. Youth Super Bowl Party, YH

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ADULT STUDIES

From Fear to Love: Spiritual Grounding in Anxious Times

Today, February 19 and 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.

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!

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

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*The Prayer of Invocation

Anna Katherine Scott

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 58:1-12
I Corinthians 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

As we come to the table of our Lord to break bread and drink the cup, let us humble ourselves in the Lord’s mercy, remembering the Lord’s sacrifice for our salvation.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768 “I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near, to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise,
we’ll live and speak his praise.

*The Offertory Prayer

Anna Katherine Scott

The Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

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 5:13-20

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "The Lord Is a Mighty God" Mendelssohn/Burkhardt
The Lord is a mighty God and a King above all,
from the deepest waters to the highest mountains evermore.
The Sermon "There's No Hiding on This Hill" Major Treadway

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Lesley Ratchiff

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**
Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."
People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**
Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread Worshipers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup Worshipers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

Today

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.

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**Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, February 7**

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

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

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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.

February 8

Servers: Dea Dea Baker, Ann Calhoon, Judy Rankin, Gayla Purvis

Cashier: George Luter

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**ANNUAL LUNCHEON and DESSERT AUCTION!**

**Sunday, February 19**

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

You are invited to our annual luncheon and dessert auction immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, February 19**. 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.

**If you would like to provide a dessert for the auction, please email Major Treadway at [major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org) or contact the church office, 601-982-4703.**

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 listen to one another's stories, to observe lessons that will renew and challenge our spirits, participate in guided spiritual practice and deepen our friendships with one another.

**Please sign up by Friday, February 10.**

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 at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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Women's Book Study

**Tuesdays, February 7, 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**

Leslie 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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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**February 12**

**Firecrackers**

Amanda & Trey Clark

**Sparklers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 6

Cooks

Kandy Sims
Gail Poole
Annette Hitt

Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**February 9**

Mike Peters

**February 16**

Ginger Parham

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

We have all we need to come through. Against all odds, no matter what we've lost, no matter what messes we've made over time, no matter how dark the night, we offer and are offered kindness, light, and food, which create breath and spaciousness, which create hope, sufficient unto the day.

-Anne Lamott, *Almost Everything*

\*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.

**Refrain:**

\*The Benediction

Major Treadway

\*The Postlude

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Burkhardt

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

**The Lectionary passages for February 5 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) ~ pages 600-601  
Psalm 112:1-9 (10) ~ pages 490-491  
I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) ~ page 927  
Matthew 5:13-20 ~ page 786

**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.

**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 the Fifth 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 Skipper Jernigan.
The Caregiving Chair for February is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiver Coordinator for February is Sheila Nicholas.
The Caregivers of the Week are Susan O’Mara and Sheila Nicholas.
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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**Communion and Children**

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.

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UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO

On Sundays in February, 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!

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:

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| <b>February 12:</b> | Joseph Rosen, Rabbi, Beth Israel Congregation |
| <b>February 19:</b> | Youth Sunday                                  |
| <b>February 26:</b> | Major Treadway                                |
| <b>March 5:</b>     | Lesley Ratcliff                               |

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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.

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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!