



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

For me prayer is a surge of the heart;
it is a cry of recognition and of love,
embracing both trial and joy.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday in Lent
 March 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

May God in God's mercy lead us through these times; but above all, may God lead us to God's self.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, adapted

The Prelude Prelude on "Rhosymedre" Williams

The Call to Worship "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" Gibbons

*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 Betsy Beard

*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 Cole Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Hear, O God, when we call to You.
People: Have mercy on us and answer us.
 Leader: In our forgetfulness,
People: Have mercy on us, O God
 Leader: In our wrongdoing,
People: Have mercy on us, O God.
All: Have mercy on us, O God.

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
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THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 5

9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Northminster Essentials, L/CR Worship Service/Communion Bible Camp Committee, NCC Guys vs. Girls Game Day, Northminster's Backyard Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456 Youth, YH Adult Studies, Adult Ed. Building
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Monday, March 6

8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR Meals on Wheels
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Tuesday, March 7

3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH Women's Book Study, GH
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Wednesday, March 8

7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, GH Wednesday Night Supper, GH Choir Rehearsal
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Sunday, March 12

8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion Sunday School Worship Service
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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

March 9

Josh Poole

March 16

Bo Allen

March 23

Mike Peters

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### March 12

#### **Firecrackers**

Kim & Kyle Watson

#### **Sparklers**

Ramsey & Brian Long

### March 19

#### **Firecrackers**

Mary McCall & Will McArthur

#### **Sparklers**

Lisa & Farrar Strum

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Cole Mahaffey

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Once a person has truly experienced the mercy of God in their life, they will aspire only to serve.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

## 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

Cole Mahaffey

The Offertory

"I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

Bach

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem                      “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”                      Sowerby  
                                          Cecelia Stearman, *mezzo*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
 Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
 My help cometh from the Lord; He will not slumber.  
 The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand.  
 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.  
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
 from this time forth and even for evermore. Amen.

The Sermon                      “Beginning Again Again”                      Lesley Ratcliff

### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table                                              Major Treadway

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.

## 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 8**

**Menu:** Chicken Spaghetti,  
 Green Spring Salad with Strawberries and Nuts,  
 Yeast Rolls, Homemade Desserts, Iced Tea

**Servers:** Mary Heard, Ann Calhoon,  
 Judy Rankin, Amy Williams and Gayla Purvis

**Cashier:** George Luter

### 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.

### 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!

### Prints of Wyatt Waters Painting

Would you like to have a print of the Wyatt Waters painting of Northminster 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).

### Guys’ Scavenger Hunt RESCHEDULED

Sunday, March 26

**3:30-5:00 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

## ADULT STUDIES

### 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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Our Friend, Lex: Understanding the Lectionary

April 16 and 23

5:30 in the Adult Education Building

Brock and Lesley Ratcliff will lead a series on the history and practicalities of the lectionary. If you have ever wondered how and why we choose the scriptures that we use each Sunday, this is a great opportunity to learn.

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### Women's Lenten Gathering

Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Join us for a time of reflection and creativity, led by Amy Williams and Lesley Ratcliff as we explore Lenten questions through reflection and creativity.

A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.

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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 is 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 is also available on the Northminster website. Please feel free to share this very active part of Northminster's witness with friends and family.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Repentance opens our minds, softens our hearts, and turns our life in a Godward direction.

-Richard Rohr

*The Recessional Hymn No. 213 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *HAMBURG*

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude

"Trumpet in Dialogue"

Clerambault

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 12:1-4a ~ page 8
Psalm 121 ~ page 498
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 ~ page 916
John 3:1-17 ~ pages 863-864
Matthew 17:1-9 ~ page 798

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 Dot Mann, a member of Northminster since 2012. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Dot's family and friends.

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 second 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 Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Janice Joyner.

The Caregiver Coordinator for March is Faye Barham.

The Caregivers of the Week are Kathryn Davis and Faye Barham.

The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.

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

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

## Communion and Children

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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.

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: Today, 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.)

Women's Book Study

Tuesday, March 7

6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Hope: A User's Manual

by Mary Ann McKibben Dana

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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.

A light supper will be provided for \$8 per person.

## The Northminster Pulpit

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During this season of our lives between Senior Pastors, Northminster welcomes the following ministers to the pulpit to offer the sermon for the day:

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

March 19: Major Treadway

March 26: Courtney Crump, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church

April 2: Lesley Ratcliff

GUYS VS. GIRLS GAME DAY

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Today

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