

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, April 23

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
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. Bldg.

Monday, April 24

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
5:00 p.m.	Flower Committee, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Wider Net Committee, Adult Ed. Bldg.

Tuesday, April 25

5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, L/CR
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Wednesday, April 26

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

Friday, April 28

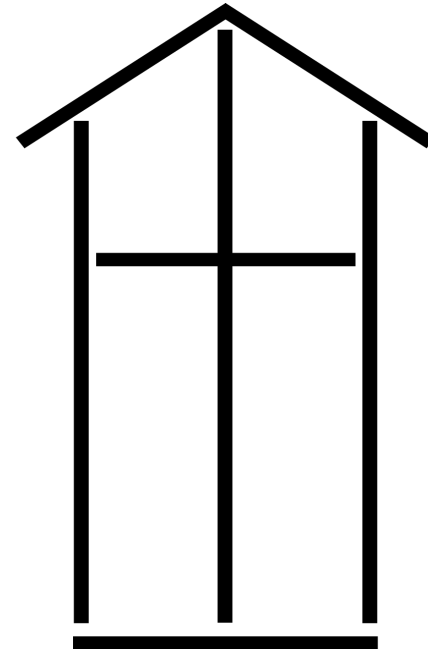
5:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal/Casey Baine and Jordan Hollingshead, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out, NCC

Saturday, April 29

6:00 p.m.	Wedding/Casey Baine & Jordan Hollingshead, Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Senior Recognition
11:30 a.m.	Senior Recognition Lunch, GH
4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light Practice, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Light Vesper Service, Sanctuary



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

—Hebrews 13:2, NIV

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday of Eastertide
April 23, 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

Meditate daily on the words of your Creator. Learn the heart of God in the words of God, that your soul may be kindled with greater longings for heavenly joys.

—St. Gregory the Great

The Prelude “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” Bach

The Call to Worship “Christ the Lord Hath Risen” Parker/Coker

*Christ the Lord hath risen / From his three-day prison,
Meet it is to make merrie, / Jesus will our solace be. Alleluia.
Christ our victor Giant / Quells the foe defiant:
Let the ransomed people sing, / Glory to the Easter King. Alleluia.*

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Ann Mabry Hendrix

*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 Celia Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ meets us at the tomb and turns our tears to joy.

People: For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Christ comes through our locked doors and turns our fears to courage.

People: For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Christ comes to daily life and work and turns our failure to new vision.

People: For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Christ breaks the bread and turns our despair to hope.

All: For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Senior Recognition Sunday

On April 30 Seniors will be recognized during Sunday morning worship. Following the service, Seniors, families, and special guests are invited to a luncheon.

Seniors/Parents of Seniors: Please contact Major or the church office to let us know how many people will attend.

Juniors: We need your help to host the luncheon. You will be the servers for the luncheon; let Major know if you can help with this great time to celebrate the graduating Seniors.

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**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

(or parents of graduates)

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or  
lward@northminsterbaptist.org with name, degree and school information.

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Poncho Drive

Stewpot’s Opportunity Center is in need of plastic ponchos. They are hoping to collect 100 ponchos by the end of May. If you would like to participate in this effort, you can drop ponchos by the church office, take them directly to Stewpot during normal business hours, or have them shipped directly to the Opportunity Center:

Stewpot Opportunity Center
845 W. Amite St.
Jackson MS 39203

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**April 27**

Jimmy Allen

**May 4**

Bryan Bridges

**May 11**

Skipper Jernigan

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, May 9

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Friday, April 28**  
**6:00-10:00 p.m. ~ NCC**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, April 26.

Please feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, April 24

Cooks

Lawana McLennan
Faye Barham
Gail Poole

Drivers

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams
Rt. 2 Steve Bass & Jeff Davis

Monday, May 1

Cooks

Annette Hitt
Kandy Sims
Lisa Cobb

Drivers

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

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### April 30

#### **Chapel Coordinators**

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

#### **Firecrackers**

Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

#### **Sparklers**

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807

“Glory Be to the Father”

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Celia Stribling

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I Peter 1:17-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

While passing through this world of sin,  
And others your life shall view;  
Be clean and pure without, within.  
Let others see Jesus in you.

—B.B. McKinney, “Let Others See Jesus in You”

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Amy Finkelberg

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 92 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

\*The Offertory Prayer

Celia Stribling

The Offertory

“Adagio”

Widor

\*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!

NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

**PLAY**

IT FORWARD



**July 28-30, 2023**

Friday 5:30 pm—8:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am—11:30 am



To sign up, scan the QR Code or contact the church office for a form.

Questions or to Volunteer?  
Contact Neely McGinnis  
neelylauderdale@gmail.com  
or 769-257-8077



**KIDS**

**BIBLE CAMP**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35 Major Treadway  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "The Day of Resurrection" Farlee  
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.  
Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.  
Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!  
All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

The Sermon "Back to the Rough Ground" John Meadors

## 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

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

—Luke 12:48

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 107 "Christ Be My Leader" SLANE

Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.  
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

\*The Benediction John Meadors

## 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.

**End of the Year Party:** Sunday, May 7, 5:00 p.m. A party to celebrate the coming of summer. More details to follow.

**Passport 2023:** June 18-26. Converse University, Spartanburg, SC. Summer Camp. Meaningful Missions. Creative Discipleship. Fun. Cost: \$425. A few spaces remain. Contact Major ASAP if you want to go.

**Mystery Trip 2023:** July 6-11. Minimal details forthcoming. Embrace the Mystery! Cost: \$250. A few spaces remain. Contact Major ASAP if you want to go. (Cost should never be a barrier to participation; please let Major know if you or someone you know needs financial assistance to participate.)



## ADULT STUDIES

### Our Friend, Lex:

### Understanding the Lectionary

#### Tonight

5:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building

Brock and Lesley Ratcliff will wrap up this two part video 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.

## Young Adult Class

Join us Sunday, May 7, 2023 for a planning meeting for this new class. We will meet during the Sunday school hour in room 105. Refreshments will be provided. You will have a chance to meet the class leaders and give us input on curriculum and schedule. If you have any questions, call or text Lesley at 601-927-0259.

Hope to see you there!

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

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cheryl Allen     | Sue Edwards     | Virginia Hamilton |
| Roxanne Aldridge | R.W. McCarley   | Libby McGee       |
| Carolyn Aden     | Vivian Thompson | Gorman Schaffer   |
| Robbie Cross     | Tom Starling    |                   |
| Michael Grantham | Eliza Skene     |                   |
- Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Alan Loving, son-in-law of Sheila Hess

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the Third Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ’s resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white’s components. The banner’s pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolical-ly, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

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 Dudley Wooley.
The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiver Coordinator for April is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Faye Barham.
The Liturgist for April is Gwen Anderson.
The Flowers for April are provided by Kathryn Davis, Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams,
Jennifer Stribling and Kandy Sims.
The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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Liturgy of the Light  
Sunday, April 30 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children.

\*The Postlude “All Glory Be to God on High” Albrecht  
\*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for April 23 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ~ pages 885-886  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 ~ pages 491-492  
I Peter 1:17:23 ~ pages 983-984  
Luke 24:13-35 ~ pages 860-861

**Musicians for today:**  
Wayne Linehan & Ben Bullock, *trumpets*  
Rob Detjen, *horn*  
James Wilson, *trombone*  
Wake Rackley, *tuba*

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About Our Pulpit Guest

Dr. John Meadors is a Professor in the Department of English and Philosophy at Mississippi College. Dr. Meadors joined MC’s faculty in 1992 and currently teaches a range of philosophy courses. His areas of expertise include philosophy of religion, ethics, and the intersection of science and religion.

Dr. Meadors is a member of Northside Baptist Church in Clinton where his wife Susan is Associate Pastor.

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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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| April 30: | Major Treadway                                                  |
| May 7:    | Major Treadway                                                  |
| May 14:   | Lesley Ratcliff                                                 |
| May 21:   | Amy Finkelberg, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Adults |