

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“What happens between us when we come together to worship God is that the Holy Spirit swoops in and out among us, knitting us together through the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the breaths we breathe. It can happen with two people and it can happen with two thousand people. It can scare us or comfort us, confuse us or clarify things for us, but as far as I can tell the Holy Spirit never bullies us. We are always free to choose whether or how we will respond.”

—Barbara Brown Taylor

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 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

“Let us be silent, that we may hear the whisper of God.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Prelude “Come Down, O Love Divine” Callahan

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful in the Lord” Yarrington

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song,
Bless the Lord!*

*The Procession of the Pentecost Banner Edward Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Breath of God, resuscitate us; empower us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

People: Tongue of God, whisper words of wisdom and truth that we may proclaim the gospel to all people.

All: Fire of God, consume us; ignite our hearts to love and to serve, proclaiming the gospel to all people. Amen.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Cathy Davis

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Numbers 11:24-30
John 20:19-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God,

We confess that when listening for the soft whispers of the Spirit, we do indeed hear the Spirit's call, but turn away. Rather than trusting the gentle nudge, we ignore it. Our souls long for this communion with the Divine, but our humanness gets in the way. We are frightened that the Comforter might want us, even need us, to get *uncomfortable*.

We pray Thy will be done, but only if it doesn't disrupt our lives. Lord, forgive us.

Have mercy on us. Help us find the courage to yield to the currents of your Spirit.

Amen.

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, May 28

8:30 a.m.

Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Monday, May 29

Church office is closed

Tuesday, May 30

8:30 a.m.

Caregiving, L/CR

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

9:00 a.m.

Youth Service Day at Northminster

Sunday, June 4

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service/Communion

Northminster Baptist Church

3955 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, MS 39211

601-982-4703

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STEW POT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, June 12

Hilda & Bob Boteler

Tuesday, June 13

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, June 14

Mary Taylor

Thursday, June 15

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnical-Wilson

~~~~~ UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO

Every third Sunday 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 pictures taken!

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The church office will be closed Monday, May 29.

(For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.)

Caregivers will meet Tuesday, May 30.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

## INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 298 "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ST. AGNES

\*The Offertory Prayer

Cathy Davis

The Offertory

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Trotter

\*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 Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Spirit of Life"

McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close, wings set me free:

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

The Sermon

"The Gift of the Holy Spirit"

Lesley Ratcliff  
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

"How often we children have been unwilling: unwilling to listen to each other, unwilling to hear words we do not expect. But on that first Pentecost the Holy Spirit truly called the people together in understanding and forgiveness and utter, wondrous joy. The early Christians, then, were known by how they loved one another. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people could say that of us again? Not an exclusive love, shutting out the rest of the world, but love so powerful, so brilliant, so aflame that it lights the entire planet – nay, the entire universe!"

—Madeleine L'Engle

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 295 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

\*The Benediction

Major Treadway

\*The Postlude

"Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit"

Grams

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



*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for May 28 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Acts 2:1-21 ~ page 885  
Numbers 11:24-30 ~ page 114  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13 ~ page 933  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~ pages 483-484  
John 20:19-23 ~ page 883  
John 7:37-39 ~ page 869

**Musician for today**

Sybil Cheesman, *flute*

## K2 Retreat

Friday, June 9 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
until  
Saturday, June 10 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend the **K2 Retreat** in the Youth House.

If your child would like to attend, please contact  
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June 4

Firecrackers

Caroline & Kirk Sims

Sparklers

Amanda & Trey Clark

June 11

Chapel Coordinators

Elizabeth & Percy Quinn

Firecrackers

Kim & Kyle Watson

Sparklers

Chris & Paul Eason

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, June 5

#### **Cooks**

Peggy Brady  
Patsy Caraway  
Amanda Milam

#### **Drivers**

Rt. 1 Susan & Charles O'Mara  
Rt. 2 Hilda & Bob Boteler

### Wednesday, June 21

#### **Cooks**

Sara Hays  
Missy Caver  
Judy Rankin

#### **Drivers**

Rt. 1 Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg  
Rt. 2 Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

June 1

Mike Peters

June 8

Jeff Wilson

June 15

Trey Clark

June 22

Bo Allen

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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:

**June 4:** Major Treadway  
**June 11:** Jill Buckley, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for  
Community Ministry  
**June 18:** Lesley Ratcliff  
**June 25:** David Carroll, Former Minister, Galloway United Methodist Church

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Sunday School:** Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House. There will be donuts and good conversation.

### Service Day at Northminster:

**Thursday, June 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Come help show some love to this place that we love by joining the Landscaping and Grounds Committee in some work around the church. After we're finished working, we'll find something to fill our bellies.

**Stewpot:** Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen, prepare a meal and serve it at Stewpot; then we will eat lunch together.

### Escape the Youth House:

**Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.** Come help us work through clues and puzzles to find our way out before time expires.

### Burgers and Ballet:

**Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.** We'll gather for burgers at Roosters in Fondren before heading over to Thalia Mara to watch the International Ballet Competition at 7:30 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Charlotte Layne Palmer B.A. in Psychology, University of Mississippi
Major Treadway Doctor of Ministry, Duke University

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

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## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

**Begins June 4, 9:15-10:15**

Summer Sunday School is rotation based  
with a story, games, music, acting and crafts.

We hope your kids will join us!

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Children's Birthday Gathering

**Tuesday, June 6
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

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## **SPLASH DAY**


**Wednesday, June 7 ~ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Children and their families will gather in the  
backyard at Northminster for water slides, splash  
pools and sprinkler fun! Bring your swimsuit, towels  
and sunscreen; and we'll provide a snack supper.

## 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 Mary Sue Douglas, a member of Northminster since 2012. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Mary Sue's family and friends.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Bill Lee on the death of his father, Bill Lee.

Jann Puckett, 226 Winsmere Way, Ridgeland, MS 39157, is recovering after surgery.

### 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    | Mary Lou Jernigan |
| Michael Grantham | Eliza Skene     |                   |

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Alan Loving, son-in-law of Sheila Hess

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** Pentecost first appears as the "Festival of Weeks" in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit in a new way on "the birthday of the church." The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost: the white swirls of wind and wonder transforming into the shape of a dove and a flame. These white images symbolize the purity and holiness of the Holy Spirit and are three-dimensional, standing out from the rest of the banner, to symbolize the truth that the Spirit is not just a part of the Pentecost story in Acts but transcends time and space and is a part of our story, even now. The angularity and use of the color red symbolize the radiant power, energy, and action of the Holy Spirit. The fire of the Spirit comes to rest on a dozen triangles, the twelve disciples. The additional, open triangle represents us, the whole family of faith, as we, too, are disciples of Christ, on whom and through whom, the Holy Spirit descends and moves.

The Pentecost Banner was commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, and was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us and show us the way.

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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 Thomas Elfert.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for May is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Betsy Ditto and Annette Hitt.

The Liturgist for May is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for May are provided by Becky Frame, Lisa Kelly, Jill Buckley and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.