



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

No one owns God.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

May 7, 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

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

—Isaiah 55:8-9

The Prelude “Like a River Glorious” Pethel

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 Anders Quinn

*The Processional Hymn No. 254 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” *ODE TO JOY*

*The Litany of Praise Marty Kelly

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We gather to worship God, our rock and our redeemer, the One in whom we find refuge.

People: God is our rock and our fortress. We place our lives in the hands of God.

All: Let us worship God together.

—Psalm 31:1-5, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Marty Kelly

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
I Peter 2:2-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

In this silence, Lord, hear my prayer. Search my thoughts.
Find sincerity of my need. Delve into my intentions.
Draw forth my noblest purpose. Find my many flaws...
and love me all the same. Amen.

—Holly Benzenhafer

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 7

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
2:30 p.m. Lucy Elfert, Senior Voice Recital and Reception, Sanctuary and Great Hall
5:00 p.m. Preschool & Elementary Atrium & SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth end-of-the-year Party, YH

Monday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

Tuesday, May 9

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 14

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

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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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## 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.

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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

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

*The Offertory Prayer

Marty Kelly

The Offertory

"O Day of Peace"

Callahan

*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

John 14:1-14

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Heleluyan" (*Halleluia*h in Muscogee Creek language)

Ulrich

Kyle Watson, *baritone*

The Sermon

"The Way, the Truth and the Life"

Major Treadway

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

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

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

The Cup

Worshippers 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.

NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

PLAY IT FORWARD



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

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

In every circumstance, regardless of the outcome, the main thing Jesus has asked me to do is to love God and my neighbor as religiously as I love myself. The minute I have that handled, I will ask for my next assignment. For now, my hands are full.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689 “The Church’s One Foundation” *AURELIA*

*The Benediction Major Treadway

*The Postlude “Finale” Powell

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for May 7 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Acts 7:55-60 ~ page 891
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 ~ pages 439-440
I Peter 2:2-10 ~ page 984
John 14:1-14 ~ page 877

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:

May 14: Lesley Ratcliff
May 21: Amy Finkelberg, Former Northminster Associate Pastor for Adults
May 28: Major Treadway and Lesley Ratcliff
June 4: Major Treadway

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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 is the Savior we follow.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
SENIOR VOICE RECITAL OF

*Lucy Brooks Elfert*

MAY  
SUNDAY 7 AT 2:30 PM  
2023

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*Reception Following*

IN THE GREAT HALL

## BRUMFIELD HOUSE

### May 11

Skipper Jernigan

### May 18

Cheryl Allen

### May 25

Scott Wilson

### June 1

Mike Peters

### June 8

Jeff Wilson

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CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 14

Firecrackers

Dana & Scott Wilson

Sparklers

Kelly & Josh Guyton

May 21

Chapel Coordinators

Camille & Drew Snyder

Firecrackers

Lorraine & Smith Boykin

Sparklers

Natalie & Drew Levanway

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:15-ish in the Youth House.

There will be donuts and good conversation.

End of the Year Party: Tonight at 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.)

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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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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, May 17

Cooks

Shari Culver
Jo Ann Welch
Carolyn McIntyre

Drivers

Rt. 1 Laine & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin

Monday, May 22

Cooks

Ann Calhoon
Kelly Hicks
Gail England

Drivers

Rt. 1 Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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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 Street  
Jackson MS 39203

## 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

Mary Sue Douglas is hospitalized at Baptist.

Mary Lou Jernigan is hospitalized at Baptist.

### 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 Fifth 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. Symbolically, 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 Smith Boykin.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver Coordinator for May is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Shari Culver and Amy Finkelberg.

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.

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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](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org) with name, degree and school information.