



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree
And hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
And hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me!

—English carol, 18th c.

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 July 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

Accept my praise, as a truthful tribute to my God and Master.

The Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Bach

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 612 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

*The Litany of Praise Norman Perkins

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, you have searched us and known us.

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

Leader: You know our thoughts and all our ways.

People: Renew our thoughts and our living, that the world around us may be changed and renewed.

**All: Forgive our sinful ways
 And lead us in the paths of everlasting righteousness.**
 —Psalm 139, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Norman Perkins

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Genesis 28:10-19a
 Romans 8:12-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

I need Thee, O I need Thee! Every hour I need Thee.
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.
 —Annie S. Hawks, "I Need Thee Every Hour"

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

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	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Office Manager	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, July 23

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Bible Camp Workday, NCC

Monday, July 24

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
12:00 p.m.	Youth Committee, YH

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Youth Pool Party, Alex & Elise Williams' House

Friday, July 28

5:30 p.m.	Bible Camp
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Saturday, July 29

9:00 a.m.	Bible Camp
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Sunday, July 30

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Bible Camp
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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Wyatt Waters Prints

If you have already ordered a print of the Wyatt Waters painting presented to Chuck and Marcia Poole on the occasion of their retirement, it is available to be picked up at the church office. Please contact the church office at 601-982-4703 or lward@northminsterbaptist.org with any questions.

(You may order directly from the Wyatt Waters Gallery if you would still like a print at <https://wyattwaters.com/products/print-in-the-clouds.>)

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

KIDS

BIBLE CAMP

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

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 557 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” *SCOTT*

*The Offertory Prayer Norman Perkins

The Offertory “Morning Has Broken” Pethel

*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 13:24-30, 36-43 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “Spirit of Faith Come Down” Kimbrough
Suzy Haynes, *soprano*

Spirit of faith, come down. Reveal the things of God;
And make to us the God head known, and witness with the blood.
‘Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
Unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living word;
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
And cry with joy unspeakable, “Thou art my Lord, my God!”

Oh, that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
The grave which all may find, the saving power, impart,
And testify to human kind and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith, which whose’er receives,
The witness in himself he hath, and consciously believes;
The faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move
And save whome’er on Jesus call and perfect them in love.

The Sermon “The Spirit of Hope” Jason Coker

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

Help me to understand your truth, and show me how to live in righteous and renewed ways.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *HOUSTON*

*The Benediction Jason Coker

*The Postlude “All My Hope on God Is Founded” Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 28:10-19a ~ page 22

Psalms 139:1-2, 23-34 ~ pages 503-504

Romans 8:12-25 ~ page 919

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 ~ pages 794-795

About Our Pulpit Guest

The Rev. Dr. K. Jason Coker is the President of Together for Hope, the rural development coalition of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is also the Field Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mississippi. After nearly two decades of life and ministry in Connecticut, Coker returned to his home state of Mississippi to work for peace and justice in areas of persistent rural poverty. The lessons of human compassion and equality he learned as a minister guide his work in poverty relief.

He is the author of *James in Postcolonial Perspective: The Letter as Nativist Discourse* (Fortress Press, 2015) and *Faded Flowers: Preaching in the Aftermath of Suicide* (Smyth & Helwys, 2020). He also is the co-editor of *Bible and Theory: Essays in Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Stephen D. Moore* (Fortress Academic, 2020).

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July 30

Bible Camp

August 6

Firecrackers

Taylor & Justin Beard

Sparklers

Ramsey & Brian Long

August 13

Firecrackers

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

Sparklers

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Monday, July 24

#### Cooks

Gail Poole

Lawana McLennan

Faye Barham

#### Drivers

Rt. 1

Luke Dove & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2

Kay Allen & Preston Smith

### Monday, August 7

#### Cooks

Lisa Cobb

Annette Hitt

Kandy Sims

#### Drivers

Rt. 1

Julie & Dudley Wooley

Rt. 2

Marianna Field & Janet Holt

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CHILDREN’S SERVICE DAY & PLAYDATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children who have completed first through sixth grade are invited to join us for a morning of service and then participate in the playdate at 11:00.

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children younger than first grade are invited to join the playdate at the church.

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## BOXES NEEDED FOR BIBLE CAMP

If you have boxes that you would like to get rid of, please contact the church office, 601-982-4703 or [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org), and we will arrange for someone to pick them up.

Thanks for helping us prepare for “Play It Forward” Bible Camp 2023!

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Youth Sunday School**

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

**Pool Party**

**Wednesday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Swim Night at Alex and Elise Williams’ house (2672 Lake Circle). Bring a swimsuit and towel.

**Lock-in**

**Friday, August 4-Saturday, August 5.** The Decathlon is back! Ten games. One Champion. You’ll want a towel and a change of clothes. Leave your sleeping bag at home.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE
AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

J. W. Caver	B.S. in Marketing, University of Mississippi
Charlotte Layne Palmer	B.A. in Psychology, University of Mississippi
Blair Stockett	Masters of Business Administration, Mississippi State University
Carter Stockett	Bachelor of Accountancy, University of Mississippi
Major Treadway	Doctor of Ministry, Duke University
Nevin Wells	Masters in Sports Analytics, University of Mississippi

*Please call or email the church office at
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with names, degree and school information.*

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**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

**Sundays through August 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
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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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

- July 27**
Scott Wilson
- August 3**
Skipper Jernigan
- August 10**
Mitch Peters
- August 17**
Cathy Davis
- August 24**
Bryan Bridges

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

Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Libby McGee
Carolyn Aden	Vivian Thompson	
Robbie Cross	Tom Starling	
Michael Grantham	Eliza Skene	
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptism and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season’s emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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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 Holly Wiggs.  
The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for July are Faye Barham and Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.  
The Liturgist for July is Richard Joiner.  
The Flowers for July are provided by Jennifer Stribling, Lisa Kelly,  
Jane Claire Williams and Kathryn Sams.  
The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

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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:

July 30:	Major Treadway
August 6:	Lesley Ratcliff
August 13:	Jason Coker, President, Together for Hope
August 20:	Lesley Ratcliff