



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God of beauty, truth and goodness,
Lord of wisdom, yet unknown,
Grant us strength to match the vision
As we come before your throne.

—Wesley Forbis, 2000

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 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

I have been crucified with Christ, but it is no longer I who live,
But Christ who lives within me.

—Galatians 2:20

The Prelude “I Sing the Mighty Power of God ” Travis

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 45 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *NETTLETON*

*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

**People: The Lord’s mercies cover all peoples;
All God’s works give thanks to the Creator.**

**All: God’s kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And God’s dominion endures throughout all generations.**

—Psalm 145:10-13, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Suzanne Smith

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Romans 7:15-25a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

—Frederick Faber, 1854

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
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, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Deacon Nominating Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, July 11

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

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, L/CR

Saturday, July 15

Kids leave for Passport Camp

Sunday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Youth Committee, YH

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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 picture taken!

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, and we will arrange for someone to pick them up.

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

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



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

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 593	“The Gift of Love”	<i>GIFT OF LOVE</i>
*The Offertory Prayer		Suzanne Smith
The Offertory	“This Is My Father’s World”	Page
*The Doxology		<i>LASST UNS ERFREUEN</i>

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 11:16-19, 25-30	Jason Coker
Leader:	This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
The Anthem	“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” Pam Wardlaw, <i>soprano</i>	Wood
Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore. Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side. Songs of praises I will raise forever more.		
The Sermon		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

Allow me a thankful spirit, that I may be grateful, Lord, for your love, truth and beauty. May I respond with a life lived as you would have me live it in service and self-sacrifice, following the example of Jesus, our Lord.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 558	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	<i>BEECHER</i>
*The Benediction		Jason Coker
*The Postlude	“The Rejoicing”	Powell
<i>*The congregation will please stand.</i>		

The Lectionary passages for July 9 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ~ pages 17-18
Psalm 45:10-17 ~ page 449
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 ~ page 544
Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ page 773
Psalm 145:8-14 ~ page 506
Romans 7:15-25a ~ page 918
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 ~ page 792

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July 16

Firecrackers

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

Sparklers

Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

July 23

Chapel Coordinators

Jennifer & Christian Byrd

Firecrackers

Gates & Kyle Skene

Sparklers

Judy Gregory & Olivia Champion

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Cooks**

Cathy Davis  
Elizabeth Quinn  
Kathy Burkhalter

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Beverly & Tim Lawrence  
Rt. 2 Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

**Monday, July 24**

**Cooks**

Gail Poole  
Lawana McLennan  
Faye Barham

**Drivers**

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

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

July 13

Joe Sims

July 20

Eddie Mahaffey

July 27

Scott Wilson

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## CHILDREN'S SERVICE DAY & PLAYDATE

**Tuesday, 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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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 16: Major Treadway
July 23: Jason Coker, President, Together for Hope
July 30: Major Treadway
August 6: Lesley Ratcliff

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth House Refresh and Dreaming

Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Come walk through the Youth House with Building Maintenance Committee Chairperson Jason Greener and dream about how we might refresh the space to best meet the needs of current and future youth.

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**

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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  
601-982-4703 or [lward@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org)  
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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**Children's Birthday Gathering**

**Tuesday, July 11  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

**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 Lou Jernigan is hospitalized at Baptist.

Bennett Chotard is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

**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 Sixth 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 baptistry 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 Trey Clark.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiving Coordinators for July are Faye Barham and Annette Hitt.

The Caregivers of the Week are Faye Barham and Annette Hitt.

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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**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).