



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshipped you—whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling meeting houses—anywhere your name was lifted and adored.

*NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
 November 5, 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 praise the Lord for the lives of those who have come before us, for their ministry and the influence they have had on all of us.

The Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" Tucker

The Call to Worship "I Was Glad" Coker

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
 Alleluia! Amen.

*The Processional Hymn No. 751 "For All the Saints" *SINE NOMINE*

*The Litany of Praise Mart McMullan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to God's feet your tribute bring.

People: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven-evermore the Lord's praises sing.

Leader: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Mart McMullan

The Greeting Scott Dickison

IN MEMORIAM
From Last All Saints' Day to This

Jack Pearce Dean
 Howard Lamar McMillan, Jr.
 Edward Thomas James, Jr.
 Henry Brown Tyler
 Dorothy Doty Mann
 Jack Conrad Cochran
 Allan Webb
 Mary Sue Douglas
 J. George Smith
 Margaret Phillips
 Steven Mark Chester
 John Hart Geary

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.

Senior Pastor	Scott Dickison
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, November 5

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion/All Saints' Sunday
5:00 p.m.	Dogwood Planting, Memorial Garden
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:00 p.m.	Preschool, Elementary Atrium and 456
5:30 p.m.	All Saints' Vesper Service

Monday, November 6

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Club, Beagle Bagel
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Wednesday, November 8

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
5:30 p.m.	Girls' Small Group, YH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 10

6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out
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Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m.	Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Pedals, Pipes & Pizza Lunch, GH

Sunday, November 12

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
11:45 a.m.	Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:00 p.m.	Preschool, Elementary Atrium and 456

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**BOARDING HOMES PROJECT ~ AN ADVENT TRADITION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ GREAT HALL**

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and gift. On Sunday, December 3, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on December 3 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to Boarding Homes

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**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONGS  
& THE LIVING NATIVITY**

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all 1st through 6th graders, are invited to be a part of the Living Nativity which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

Practice will begin on November 26. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

**November 26 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 17 from 9-9:30 a.m.  
December 3 from 9-9:30 a.m.    December 24 at 4:30 p.m.  
December 10 from 9-9:30 a.m.**

All rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, except for December 24, when we will meet in the Great Hall. Because rehearsal times are short, please be on time and present for as many rehearsals as possible.

We look forward to our children leading us in worship throughout the season of Advent!

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| The Lessons | Psalm 34:1-10, 22<br>I John 3:1-3 | Major Treadway |
| Leader:     | This is the word of the Lord.     |                |
| People:     | <b>Thanks be to God.</b>          |                |

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession  
Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.  
—Psalm 130

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| The Silent Prayer                    |  |                 |
| The Assurance of Pardon              |  |                 |
| The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer |  | Lesley Ratcliff |

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

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| *The Offertory Hymn No. 692 | “Faith of Our Fathers”              | <i>ST. CATHERINE</i>      |
| *The Offertory Prayer       |                                     | Mart McMullan             |
| The Offertory               | “When They Ring Those Golden Bells” | Trotter                   |
| *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**

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| The Gospel | Matthew 5:1-12                  | Lesley Ratcliff |
| Leader:    | This is the Gospel of the Lord. |                 |
| People:    | <b>Thanks be to God.</b>        |                 |

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| Anthem | “No Night There”                                                                                                                                       | Forrest |
|        | God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.<br>There shall be no night there, no crying there,<br>God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes. |         |
|        | Even in the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us.<br>I will fear no evil; God is for us.<br>Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.        |         |
|        | Do not be afraid, God is with us, God is for us.<br>No night there.                                                                                    |         |

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| The Sermon | “Where the Church Is” | Scott Dickison |
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**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

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.

**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**

Go on your way rejoicing; surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses. Take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself up from a fall. In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.

—Bruce Prewer

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 749 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

HANOVER

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

"Celebration"

Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**Northminster Angel Tree**

Beginning Sunday November 19, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Tuesday, December 12, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or [meganmayhan@gmail.com](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Coffee for Salt and Light

Premium Honduran coffee is currently for sale at \$12 per bag. Proceeds will help fund expenses of Sal y Luz Ministry in Honduras

To purchase please call Jann Puckett at 601-594-8590. Jann will deliver to your home.

Please make **checks payable to Salt and Light Ministries (no cash please).**

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, November 6**

**Cooks**

Kandy Sims  
Cathy Davis  
Annette Hitt

**Drivers**

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

**Wednesday, November 15**

**Cooks**

Kathy Burkhalter  
Lisa Cobb  
Elizabeth Quinn

**Drivers**

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

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Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need, please call 601-980-1002.

Pastor on Call

Weekends and Monday: Rotating
Tuesday: Scott
Wednesday: Lesley
Thursday: Scott
Friday: Major

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Today

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday.

This evening we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an **All Saints' Vesper Service**, at which time the names that have been submitted by the congregation will be read aloud.

We will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden at the north end of the campus.

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## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Friday, November 10  
6:00-10:00 p.m., NCC**

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703, by Wednesday, November 8.**

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out on December 1.

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Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Sponsored by the Jackson Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists

**Saturday, November 11
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Northminster Baptist Church Sanctuary

Music students in the sixth grade and higher are welcome. Our goal is to introduce students to the organ and end the workshop with pizza. Please contact Sheila Hess if you are interested in attending at SheilaLHess@cablelynx.com or 601-218-1371. Parents are welcome to observe the session.

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## Northminster's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Communion Service

**Wednesday, November 15  
5:30 p.m. ~ Great Hall**

**Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more.**

**Volunteers:** Cindy Reed, Kathy Burkhalter, Hilda Boteler,  
Anna Katherine Scott, Joe D. Rankin, Judy Rankin,  
Sam Sanders, Henry Burkhalter, George Williams

Meat and drinks will be provided. **Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.**  
The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service.

We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.

**The Lectionary passages for All Saints' are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Revelation 7:9-17 ~ page 999  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 ~ page 441  
I John 3:1-3 ~ page 990  
Matthew 5:1-12 ~ pages 785-786

**Musician for Today**  
Bonnie Brown, *violin*

## A Common Loaf

We are excited to announce that we have returned to our practice of partaking from a common loaf of bread during the celebration of the Lord's Supper starting in November.

As you approach the table, the deacon will tear a piece from the loaf and place it in your hands.

We are also pleased to announce we are offering a gluten-free option, which will be served by the pastors at the communion table.

We are grateful for a return to this powerful symbol of our common life in Christ, and this increased effort to offer generous welcome to Christ's table.

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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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Gray and Mary Hastings Garraway Samson, on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, November 4.

CONGRATULATIONS to Laurel and Cody Branch on the birth of their daughter, Larkin Rials Branch. Larkin Rials is also welcomed by Shari and Mark Culver.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton
Roxanne Aldridge	R.W. McCarley	Libby McGee
Carolyn Aden	Vivian Thompson	Robbie Cross
Tom Starling	Roger Paynter	Mary Lou Jernigan

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is All Saints' Sunday. The liturgical color is white, a symbol of Resurrection.

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The Deacon of the Week is Cathy Davis.  
 The Caregiving Chair for November is Sarah Reynolds.  
 The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Jean Welsh.  
 The Caregivers of the Week are Leigh and Jim Eley.  
 The Liturgists for November are Gwen Anderson, Monica Daniels, Jeanne Cook and Diann Arinder.  
 The Flowers for November are provided by John Tingle, Kandy Sims and Lisa Kelly.  
 The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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Our Sanctuary carpet and brick flooring have recently been professionally cleaned (including the balcony), and we ask that everyone help us maintain these spaces by disposing of any beverages prior to entering these sacred spaces.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 12**  
**immediately following the worship service**

**Agenda**

Adoption of the 2024 Budget  
Election of Deacon to fill one year of unexpired term

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The flowers in the Narthex are in honor of the marriage of Gray and Mary Hastings Garraway Samson and in memory of Howard McMillan.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a shared meal, games, lessons, prayer and fellowship.

Youth Sunday School

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

Breakfast Club

Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast for students before school. We'll gather at 7:00 a.m. and finish in time for folks to get to school. Please let Major know in advance if you would like to come and need a ride to school.

November 7: Beagle Bagel at Highland Village
 November 14: Chick-Fil-A on Highland Colony
 November 21: Make breakfast for your family at home

Girls' Small Group

Alternating Wednesday nights at 5:30; next group meeting November 8. Join Sarah Reynolds in a study of *3 Big Questions That Shape Your Future* by K. Acevedo and B. Griffin.

Passport

July 13-19

Put these dates on your calendar now. More information to come.

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**Wednesday Night Supper, November 8**

**5:30 p.m. — Great Hall**

Come join us for a delicious meal and a brief vespers service!

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family  
 Servers: Joe D. Rankin, Hilda Boteler,  
 Dea Dea Baker, Gloria Montgomery  
 Cashier: George Luter  
 Menu: Savory green salad, baked chicken, broccoli rice casserole,  
 tomato crostini, assorted homemade desserts, iced tea

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

November 9

Jimmy Allen

November 16

Justin Beard

November 23

Mike Peters

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**November 12**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

**Firecrackers**

Amy & Matt Thames

**Sparklers**

Sophia Maneck & Rachel Roy