

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
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Office Manager
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Scott Dickison
Lesley Ratcliff
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 7

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism/Communion
4:15 p.m. Twelfth-Night Fire Pit, YH
5:00 p.m. Preschool and Elementary Atrium and SN456
5:30 p.m. Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Monday, January 8

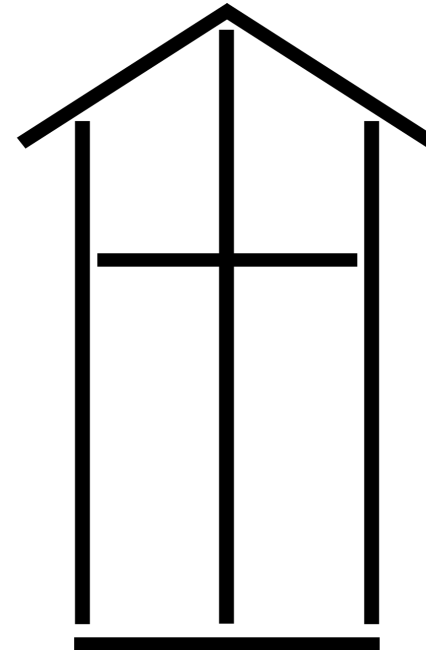
8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Mentor Parents' Meeting, L/CR
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Deacon Installation and Ordination
5:00 p.m. Preschool and Elementary Atrium and SN456
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

During this new year, may our lives be open to receive the freshness of grace, brought to us by the Christ who loves us and has challenged us to be more than we ever thought it was possible to be. May we step forward with new shoes, ready to bear the weight of God's call, and the excitement of fresh challenges.

—James Richard Joiner

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 7, 2024
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

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
And from the silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

—Carl F. Daw, 1968

The Prelude "Kyrie Eleison" Callahan

The Call to Worship "This Still Room" Davenport

And so I find it well to come for deeper rest to this still room,
For here the habit of the soul feels less the outer world's control;
The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs;
And from the silence multiplied by these still forms on either side,
The world that time and sense have known falls off and leaves us God alone.

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 "Joyful, Joyful. We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

*The Litany of Praise Anna Katherine Scott

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give to the Lord the glory and strength due to God's name.

People: The God we worship can bring storms and violence into our lands;

Leader: This mighty God can also still the waters and cover our world with peace;

People: Let us pray that God will cleanse our lives with rivers of grace.

All: And may God make us into a new people, forgiven, loved, and free to proclaim God's great goodness!

—Psalm 29, *adapted*

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*The Prayer of Invocation Anna Katherine Scott

Studying the Bible as Spiritual Practice

January 28 and February 4

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

We will begin this semester of Adult Studies
with this offering led by Scott Dickison.

There are many good and understandable reasons why even the most committed person of faith would reach for sources beyond the Bible for spiritual growth and practice. Devotional books, podcasts, and other resources abound. Dig a little deeper and it's probably true—as with so many things—that the more we learn about scripture, the more we know we don't know! Over these two weeks Scott will lead a discussion about what scripture is and isn't and how we can approach it anew as a foundational spiritual resource.

Lunch & Learn with Marshall Ramsey

January 30 at 12:00 p.m.

Marshall will be sharing his story and his cartoons, while we enjoy a meal together.
Lunch will be \$10 and can be paid at the door.

RSVP by January 25 to
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703



Upcoming Wider Net Events

Saturday, January 6 at 8:00 a.m. (until work is finished), Revitalize Mississippi is hosting a community cleanup at the corner of Pleasant Avenue and Erie Street. Wider Net has arranged for an AmeriCorps group to be there from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will clean out and board up the old Forte store on the corner, along with some other work in the area. Lunch will be served for those who RSVP to frametown@gmail.com or by calling Andy Frame at 601-500-1508.

Monday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m., Wider Net is joining with New Mt. Zion MB Church to have a lunch event in the field across from the old Forte store. There may be a service project built into the event, but the main focus of this event will be to remember Dr. King and the history in the community. There will be a "kids zone" and food. Please contact Andy Frame for more details at frametown@gmail.com or 601-500-1508.

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

invites you to the

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

OF

REVEREND SCOTT H. DICKISON

Sunday, January 21, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Northminster Baptist Church

3955 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, Mississippi

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**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

Friday, January 19

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, January 17.

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

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Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, January 23

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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**NORTHMINSTER ESSENTIALS**

Sunday, January 21 through Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, whether you are a friend of the church, a prospective or new member wanting to become more involved in the life of the church, or a long-time member wanting to expand your knowledge of Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at  
601-982-4703 or email Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Madeleine Wylie

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

**Madeleine, we share in your joy today. Your profession of "Jesus is Lord" has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ's example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ's service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.**

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks  
In your hearing this day, that you may know God's statutes  
And walk according to God's ordinances.  
Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your love,  
And give us life by your Word.

—JRJ

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 578 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

*BEACH SPRING*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Anna Katherine Scott

The Offertory

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Manz

\*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 | Mark 1:4-11                     | Scott Dickison |
| Leader:    | This is the Gospel of the Lord. |                |
| People:    | <b>Thanks be to God.</b>        |                |
| The Sermon | "The Most Beautiful Word"       | Scott Dickison |

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| 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:                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Thanks be to God for the broken bread.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 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:                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Thanks be to God for the cup.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Pastor:                                                                                                                                                                           | Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| All:                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Thanks be to God for the table of communion.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 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

Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Your peace.  
—J.G. Whittier, 1872

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| *The Recessional Hymn No. 648               | "O Jesus, I Have Promised"    | ANGEL'S STORY  |
| *The Benediction                            |                               | Scott Dickison |
| *The Postlude                               | "As with Gladness Men of Old" | Burkhardt      |
| <i>*The congregation will please stand.</i> |                               |                |

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Sunday School

Join us January 7 around 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

### Twelfth-Night Bonfire

Today at 4:15 p.m. Bring holiday greenery (wreaths, Christmas trees, etc.) to add to the fire as we focus our attention on what we would leave behind in this new year and what we would take with us. We'll have supper and s'mores! Meet at the youth house at 4:15 to caravan to the bonfire in Flowood.

### Stewpot

Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together.

### Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction

February 11. Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips and activities.

### Spring Break Beach Retreat

March 11-14. Somewhere at or near Orange Beach. More details to come.

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

January 11

Jeff Wilson

January 18

Deacon

January 24

Skipper Jernigan

February 1

Joe Sims

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### January 14

#### **Firecrackers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

#### **Sparklers**

Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

### January 21

#### **Firecrackers**

Whitney & Slates Veazey

#### **Sparklers**

Caroline & Kirk Sims

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, January 17

Cooks

Jo Ann Welch
Carolyn McIntyre
Shari Culver

Drivers

Rt. 1 Zina & Steve Bass
Rt. 2 Carol Taff & Keith Davis

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Beverly and Tim Lawrence on the death of Beverly's brother, Jack Grisham.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Becky and John Wooley on the death of Becky's mother, Bette Dickinson.

Bill Boone is receiving physical therapy at Methodist Rehab.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

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

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Remember those in military service: Milton Greenwood

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 Baptism of the Lord Sunday in the Christian year, the day when believers throughout the world remember the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord Sunday is white.

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The Deacon of the Week is Cheryl Allen.

The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for January are Faye Barham and Susie Friou.

The Caregivers of the Week are Amy Finkelberg and Jo Ann Welch.

The Liturgist for January is Richard Joiner.

The Flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling, Becky Frame and Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Tonight ~ 5:30 p.m.

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Parents of 6th graders are invited to attend the

## **MENTOR PARENTS' MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m.**

in the Library

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SAVE THE DATE!

Northminster Women's Retreat 2024

Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, MS

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

Genesis 1:1-5 ~ page 1

Psalms 29 ~ page 438

Acts 19:1-7 ~ page 903

Mark 1:4-11 ~ page 812

Musician for Today

Mimi Linehan, *horn*

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.