



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent
is Your name in all the earth.

—Psalm 8:1

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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. Following the service, please enjoy a time of fellowship with those around you.

The Prelude "I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ" Buxtehude

The Meditation of Preparation

Abraham did not waiver in his faith at the time of testing. God's promise was the foundation of his faith's stability. Faith looks past the gift to the Giver and past the promise to the one who promises.

—David Jeremiah

The Call to Worship "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

The Procession of the Lenten Banner Marlow Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 62 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

*The Litany of Praise Robert Crisler

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord created the heavens and the earth.

People: Lord, Your works are to be honored and respected.

Leader: The Lord watches over the poor and weak with justice and
righteousness.

People: The Lord is full of compassion.

Leader: The Lord's covenant is everlasting.

People: Let us remember our God's promise to all generations.

All: Praise the Lord, omnipotent and holy.

*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 Robert Crisler

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Lessons Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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
Interim Youth Coordinator
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Office Manager
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Preschool and Elementary Atrium
and Four5Six
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Studies
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Luncheon, GH
5:00 p.m. Preschool and Elementary Atrium
and Four5Six
5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

March 3

Immediately Following Worship in the Great Hall

This will be a time to learn about why we do Children's Ministries the way we do Children's Ministries at Northminster, talk about upcoming Children's Ministries activities, and share our gratitude for those who lead our children in Sunday School and Sunday night activities.

This year, we will also be recognizing

Annette Hitt,

who has recently retired from her role as Sunday School Director, after more than 40 years of welcoming our children on Sunday mornings.

Children and their families, and all children's department teachers and their families are invited, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about Children's Ministries.

Please RSVP today to Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Tuesday, March 19

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Palm Cross Making and the Palm Sunday Processional

On **March 20** at 9:00 a.m., anyone who would like to help make Palm Crosses is invited to join the Flower Committee in the Great Hall. Bring a pair of scissors. No previous experience required!

On **March 24**, children are invited to participate in waving palms for the processional at the 10:30 worship service. Please meet in the children's area by 10:15 to line up!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 22

6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-6th grade) by calling the church office, **601-982-4703**, by **Wednesday, March 20**.

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

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs drivers and substitute drivers. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Repentance is no fun at all. It means unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will that we have been training ourselves into and killing part of ourselves. Facing ourselves and coming before God without excuses, and seriously asking for Forgiveness and Grace is the only way.

—C.S. Lewis, The Business of Heaven

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. 21 "How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

*The Offertory Prayer

Robert Crisler

The Offertory

"Were You There?"

Wells

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Larkin

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The Sermon "Impossible, Too" Scott Dickison

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

For You, O Lord my God, are the best above all things; You alone are the most high; You alone are the Almighty and all-comforting.

—Thomas A. Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 78 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude "Festive Trumpet Tune" German

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages February 25 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ~ pages 11-12
- Psalm 22:23-31 ~ page 435
- Romans 4:13-25 ~ page 916
- Mark 8:31-38 ~ page 820
- Mark 9:2-9 ~ pages 820-821

A Lenten Offering

The Worship and Music Committee offers this year's edition of "A Lenten Journey" as a gift to our congregation. We hope that the creative expressions and offerings by members and friends of Northminster will encourage and enhance meaningful daily worship and meditation throughout this season of preparation. Copies are available throughout the church for you to take and share.

ADULT STUDIES

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Practices of the People

Tonight, March 3 & March 17

In this series we'll explore a variety of Christian spiritual practices. Each of the pastors will lead a session, and during the final session we will invite members of our family of faith to share spiritual practices that have been meaningful to them.

Interfaith Spiritual Practices

April 7, April 14 & April 21

In this three part series, interfaith friends from our community will come and share the spiritual practices that make their faith meaningful.

Adult Studies will also be livestreamed.

Please contact Lesley for the link at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, February 28

Supper in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Service in the sanctuary immediately after supper.

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

Servers: Kathy Burkhalter, June Rankin, Hilda Boteler and Carol Ann Vest

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: pork tenderloin, spring salad with strawberries, creamed corn, tomato tart, rolls, assorted desserts and iced tea

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 26

Cooks

Lawana McLennan
Faye Barham
Amy Moremen

Drivers

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

Monday, March 4

Cooks

Annette Hitt
Kandy Sims
Lisa Cobb

Drivers

Rt. 1 Becky & Tim Frame,
Gayla Purvis
Rt. 2 Pat & Mike Beall

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

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

Save the Date

June 10-13. Youth trip to Smith Lake.

Passport

July 13-17. Cost \$450. The youth will travel to Passport youth camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. There are twelve spots available. To reserve your spot, email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org.

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### **Search Committee Named for Associate Pastor for Students**

At a congregational meeting earlier this month, the congregation elected a search committee to fill our Associate Pastor for Students position. Three at-large members were elected to join four members representing the deacons and committees for youth, children, and personnel. The committee is as follows:

- Carrie Blount, representative from youth committee
- Blakely Fender, representative from personnel committee
- Holly Wiggs, vice-chair of deacons
- Hart Wylie, representative from children's committee
- Smith Boykin
- Graham Eklund
- Clay Wooley

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

February 29

Kirk Sims

March 7

Cathy Davis

March 14

TBA

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### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

#### March 3

##### **Firecrackers**

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

##### **Sparklers**

Caroline & Jack Nowell

#### March 10

##### **Chapel Coordinators**

Megan Wylie & Hart Wylie

##### **Firecrackers**

Rebecca & Brooks Vance

##### **Sparklers**

Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

## 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

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| 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 and Ryan McCarley

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 the second Sunday in Lent.**

Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

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The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Gail England.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Steve Godbold.

The Caregivers of the Week are Brooks Elfert and Sarah Love.

The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.

The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.

The Flowers for February are provided by Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams, Jane Claire Williams and Jill Buckley.

The Flowers for March are provided by Becky Frame, Kandy Sims, Geri Smith and Lisa Kelly.

The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.