



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

And on the seventh day God ended the work
which God had done, and God rested on the seventh
day from all the work which God had done.

—Genesis 2:2

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 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 Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" Pettit

The Meditation of Preparation

The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. This is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing!

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

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. 78 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" *ST. ANNE*

*The Litany of Praise Amy Finkelberg

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord's power and mercy.

People: The Lord gives strength to the weak.

Leader: Praise the Lord's understanding.

People: The Lord is faithful to those who fear the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is the Creator of heaven and earth.

People: Give thanks to the Lord for mighty works.

All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is exalted over all creation.

*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 Amy Finkelberg

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Lessons Isaiah 40:21-31
I Corinthians 9:16-23

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
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, February 4

9:15 a.m.	Northminster Essentials, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Breakfast with Rabbi Rosen, GH
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Rabbi Rosen/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries, Cmte., NCC
3:30 p.m.	Girls' Scavenger Hunt, Playground
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 5

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

Wednesday, February 7

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

Friday, February 9

6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out
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Sunday, February 11

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
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
11:45 a.m.	Dessert Auction, GH

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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Tuesday, February 13

3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Elementary Service Day + All Ages Playdate

Monday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First through sixth graders will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a service project, and children of all ages are invited to join at noon for a playdate.

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## 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

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:6-7

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. 776 "Let Us Break Bread Together" *LET US BREAK BREAD*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Amy Finkelberg

The Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Blair

\*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 1:29-39

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Cross-Formed Life"

Coker

*Refrain*

*Shape us, O Christ, to live, and claim all it means to bear your name.*

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day,  
and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray:

*Refrain*

Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross  
and to take the weight and bear love's unaccounted final cost

*Refrain*

Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we and our acts and words  
of care trace the deal with loss pattern of your cross:

*Refrain*

Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire,  
so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir.

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

Worshipers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshipers 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

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God.  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

—Cleland B. McAfee 1866-1944

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 347 "Tell His Praise in Song and Story" HOLY MANNA

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude "Hymn to Joy" Travis

\*The congregation will please stand.

Northminster Women's Retreat 2024

Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18

Eagle Ridge Conference Center  
Raymond, MS

INSIDE OUT

Anger. Fear. Sadness. Joy. Disgust.

They are not just characters in one of the best movies of all time.

They are real emotions that when processed well help us live more fully in God's way. We will explore stories of scripture and spiritual practices of our own faith and others that help us process these emotions well. We'll also enjoy a movie night and a time of creative response, share our stories and deepen our friendships with one another.

Cost: \$225 per person; \$300 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

While the deadline has passed, if you would still like to attend, please email Lesley Ratcliff at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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Wednesday Night Supper

Soup-er Bowl Supper

February 7— 5:30 p.m. — Great Hall

We invite you to wear your football gear, and join us for a delicious meal and vesper service.

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

Servers: June Rankin, Ann Calhoon, Cade Montague,
Cindy Reed, Dea Dea Baker

Cashier: George Luter

Menu: Various soups made by committee members, salad,
assorted breads and desserts

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 9

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, February 7.

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

We will also have Parents' Night Out on March 22.

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+---+ GIRLS' SCAVENGER HUNT +---+

February 4 ● 3:30-5:00

FIRST THROUGH SIXTH GRADE GIRLS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SCAVENGER
HUNT AND A SNACK. WE'LL MEET IN THE GREAT HALL TO START THE HUNTS!

Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!

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## **ADULT STUDIES**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

### **Studying the Bible as Spiritual Practice**

Today

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! Scott will lead a discussion about what scripture is and isn't and how we can approach it anew as a foundational spiritual resource.

### **Practices of the People**

February 25, 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.

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NORTHMINSTER ESSENTIALS

Through Sunday, March 3

9:15-10:15 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.

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## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, February 11**

**~immediately following the worship service~**

### **Agenda**

Election of a Search Committee for an Associate Pastor for Students

**The Lectionary passages February 4 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Isaiah 40:21-31 ~ pages 582-583  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c ~ pages 507-508  
I Corinthians 9:16-23 ~ page 931  
Mark 1:29-39 ~ page 813

### **Musician for today**

Ben Bullock, *trumpet*

## **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.

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The flowers in the narthex today are in memory of Dr. John Lee Taylor, husband of Dolores Taylor, who passed away one year ago (2.2.23). His loving wife and family remember him with honor and devotion.

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 Mike Maples on the death of his father, Dudley Maples, and to Mary Ellen, Jeff, Dudley, Ellen Ruth and Dan Stancill; Nathan, Rachel, Walt and Lucy Maples; and Brock, Lora, Helen, Tate, Betty and Mack Maples.

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Ana Lauren Martinez Palmer, on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

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 the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

The Deacon of the Week is Cathy Davis.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for February is Gail England.

The Caregivers of the Week are Nena Carmody and Leigh Eley.

The Liturgist for February is Rose Mary Porter.

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

The Usher Captain for February is Judy Rankin.



DESSERT
luncheon and auction

FEBRUARY 11TH, 11:30 AM IN THE GREAT HALL

\$8 FOR ADULTS, \$5 PER CHILD, \$25 MAX PER FAMILY

NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

SCAN TO PAY ONLINE



Checks and Cash accepted at the door

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 dinner and fellowship.

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. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction email JenniferStribling@me.com.

Spring Break Beach Trip to Orange Beach

March 11-15. Cost is \$175.

Please call the church office or email Dabbs at dabbsmassey@gmail.com to sign up. \$50 deposit when signing up. Cost should never keep anyone from attending. Scholarships are available if needed. Limited space. Deadline to sign up is February 12.

Save the Date

June 10-13. Trip to Smith Lake.

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

February 8

Mike Peters

February 15

Mary Ellen Stancill

February 22

Bryan Bridges

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 11

Chapel Coordinators

TBA

Firecrackers

Chris & Paul Eason

Sparklers

Christine & Bryan Bridges

February 18

Firecrackers

Natalie & Cy Parks

Sparklers

Sophie Maneck & Rachel Roy

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, February 5

Cooks

Polly Bourne
Jim Blackwood
Becky Wooley

Drivers

Rt. 1 Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt