

\*(The Congregation of Northminster Baptist Church will now stand for the Covenant of Installation.)

*Pastor: I, Scott Dickison, will strive to use my energy, intelligence, imagination, love, tolerance, and good humor to perform the duties required of me in the work to which I am being commissioned, seeking to follow our Lord's example of humble service.*

**Congregation: Scott Dickison comes to us as husband and father, member and colleague, pastor and friend. We, the people of Northminster Baptist Church, welcome and support Scott and his family, Audrey, Billy, Sid and Mac. We will continue to pray for them, walk with them in hope for our future, and serve alongside them in joy and love.**

*Pastor: I will be diligent in the studying, teaching, and preaching of the holy scriptures. I will love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourishing and leading them with my heart open to the Spirit of God.*

**Congregation: We commit to respect and honor Scott Dickison as pastor, responding to his leadership, trusting him as a person of integrity and ability, and loving and accepting him as a beloved child of God.**

*Pastor: I covenant to follow the example of the Good Shepherd in ministering to the needs of God's people and walking with them in their joys and sorrows.*

**Congregation: We will remind Scott that he, too, is a sheep in need of renewal in the green pastures and still waters of God's love. We will minister to his needs and walk with him in his joys and sorrows.**

*Pastor: I will give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that I do. I covenant with this church to honor its mission and to use the spiritual gifts and resources of this congregation to live and to love like Jesus both within and beyond these walls.*

**Congregation: We commit to this journey with Scott in discerning the mission and identity of Northminster Baptist Church through our presence, spiritual gifts and resources, and faithful service both within and beyond these walls.**

**ALL: We are all beloved children of God. We agree to disagree. We resolve to love. We unite to serve. Amen.**

The Prayer of Blessing and the Declaration                      Emily Hull McGee

The Presentation of the Gifts    Lesley Ratcliff

The Pastoral Response    Scott Dickison

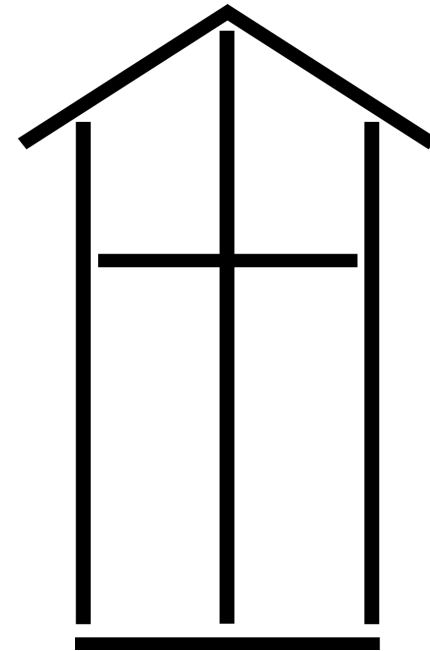
### THE BENEDICTION

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

The Postlude                      "The Church's One Foundation"                      Pethel

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Reverend Scott H. Dickison by the Dear Friends—Rev. Courtney Allen Crump, Rev. Greg Dover, Rev. Emily Hull McGee, Rev. Alan Sherouse, and Rev. Garrett Vickrey.



### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“The older I get the more beautiful this becomes to me—  
how much, how completely, I am made by others.”

—Ross Gay

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Installation of Reverend Scott H. Dickison**  
January 21, 2024  
Two o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?  
And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

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

\*The Processional Hymn No. 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *NETTLETON*

\*The Litany of Praise Kelley Williams, Jr.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: People of God, we gather to worship, for the Lord is great and worthy to be praised.

**People: We give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord has done great things.**

Leader: We prayed to the Lord, and the Lord heard our prayers.

**People: God is faithful in all God's ways.**

**All: Friends, neighbors, community of kindred hearts, come, let us worship God together.**

\*The Prayer of Invocation Kelley Williams, Jr.

The Greeting

Welcome To Congregation and Guests Lesley Ratcliff

Welcome From the Family of Faith Cathy Davis

Welcome From Partners in Faith Shane McNary

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Lesson Romans 12:9-18 Brittany Caldwell

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral 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.**

Second Lesson Isaiah 44:1-8 Greg Dover

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Thy Church, O God" Thiman

Thy Church, O God, her heart to Thee upraiseth;  
With her the nation bows before thy face;  
With high thanksgiving Thee thy glad Church praiseth;  
Our strength thy spirit, our trust and hope thy grace.  
Unto great honour, glory undeservèd,  
Hast Thou exalted us, and drawn Thee nigh.  
Nor, from thy judgments when our feet had swervèd,  
Didst Thou forsake, nor leave us, Lord most high.  
Unto our minds give freedom and uprightnes;  
Let strength and courage lead o'er land and wave.  
To our souls' armour grant celestial brightness,  
Joy to our hearts, and faith beyond the grave.  
Be with us Lord, our church at work and worship,  
Increase our joy, uphold us by Thy word;  
Beauty and wisdom all our ways attending,  
Goodwill to all and peace through Christ our Lord.

The Sermon Courtney Allen Crump

**THE INSTALLATION**

The Charge to the Pastor Alan Sherouse

The Charge to the Congregation Jason Coker

The Litany of Installation Garrett Vickrey

Leader: Northminster Baptist Church has called Scott Dickison to unite his life with the lives of the people of Northminster Baptist Church. Believing that the call of God is most often heard through the call of the church, Scott Dickison, do you accept this call to serve as pastor of Northminster Baptist Church?

*Pastor:* Yes, I do.

Leader: Today, we honor the call of God that brings together Northminster Baptist Church and Scott Dickison. All of those who bear witness this day, do you rejoice in this call for Scott Dickison to serve as pastor of Northminster Baptist Church?

**ALL: Yes, we do.**