

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
March 10, 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 "See the Lord of Life and Light" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

If any one is in Christ, there is a new creation, old things are past away, behold all things are become new.

—2 Corinthians 5:17

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 Evie Moremen

\*The Processional Hymn No. 17 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"  
*AUSTRIAN HYMN*

\*The Litany of Praise Mary Heard

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**People: Lord, we believe and we confess**

Leader: This is God's promise of new life,

**All: Lord, we are Your disciples, let us love and share Your love with all in our path. Amen.**

\*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 Mary Heard

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Lessons Numbers 21:4-9  
Ephesians 2:1-10

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	Scott Dickison
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Interim Youth Coordinator	Dabbs Massey
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, March 10**

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

**Monday, March 11**

8:30 a.m.	Youth leave for retreat Caregiving, L/CR
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**Wednesday, March 13**

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Studies
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 14**

Youth return from retreat

**Sunday, March 17**

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
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
6:45 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

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**The Northminster Choir will present Rutter's Requiem  
on Sunday evening, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.**

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**STEWPOD FOOD PANTRY**

**Monday, March 18**

Bob Boteler

**Tuesday, March 19**

Laine & Bob Hardin

**Wednesday, March 20**

Mary & Chico Taylor

**Thursday, March 21**

Sunny Fowler

Jan McDonnical-Wilson

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**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.

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**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.

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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.

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**PASTORAL CARE NUMBER**

**601-980-1002**

Scott and Lesley will both be away from the office this week, so we are grateful that Marty Harper will serve as our on-call minister this week.

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**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out the information form inside the bulletin and drop off at the church office or e-mail [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org).

The names will be listed in the order of worship on Easter Sunday, March 31. The cost per lily is \$10. Please submit all names by Monday, March 18.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

True disciples of Jesus Christ are willing to stand out, speak up, and be different from the people of the world. They are undaunted, devoted, and courageous.

—Russell M. Nelson

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

**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. 540 "Take Time to Be Holy"

*HOLINESS*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Mary Heard

The Offertory

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Callahan

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDRETH*

**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

John 3:14-21

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Out of the Depths"

Frost

Out of the depths have I cried unto you.  
Lord, hear my voice.  
Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry;  
Lord, hear my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin,  
who, then, could stand?  
But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness.  
Therefore, you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,  
in his word do I hope.

The Sermon

"Good News for the Dark"

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

Discipleship is not an option, Jesus says that if anyone would come after Me, he must follow Me.

—Timothy Keller

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 539 “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light” HOUSTON

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Trumpet in Dialogue” Clerambault

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages March 10 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Numbers 21:4-9 ~ page 122  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 ~ page 487  
Ephesians 2:1-10 ~ pages 949-950  
John 3:14-21 ~ page 864

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

## ADULT STUDIES

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**We will not have Adult Studies tonight but here is a look ahead.**

## Practices of the People

March 17

In this series we have explored a variety of Christian spiritual practices from our own faith tradition. This final session will be led by members of the congregation who will 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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).**

## Easter Sunday Services

March 31, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## Church-Wide Easter Breakfast

9:15 a.m. ~ Great Hall

(during the Sunday School hour)

Servers: Gloria Montgomery, Ann Calhoun, Cindy Reed,  
Kathryn Davis, Hilda Boteler & George Luter

Enjoy a light breakfast, juice, milk and coffee as we fellowship with one another!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, March 20

### Cooks

Elizabeth Quinn  
Kathy Burkhalter  
Helen Turner

### Drivers

Rt. 1 Amy Finkelberg &  
Nancy Smith  
Rt. 2 Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

## Lunch & Learn with Walt Grayson

Tuesday, March 19

12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Everyone is invited to join us for a delicious meal and to learn from Mississippi broadcaster, Walt Grayson.

Servers: Cindy Reed, June Rankin, Judy Rankin,  
Gloria Montgomery, Dea Dea Baker & M'lee Williams

RSVP by March 14 to [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703

## 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:** There will be no youth group tonight due to Spring Break. We will be back in the youth house on Sunday, March 17.

### Spring Break

The youth will be travelling to Fort Morgan, AL for spring break March 11-15.

### Youth Lake Trip

The youth group (this includes rising 7th graders) will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13. The cost of the trip is \$150. To sign up please contact Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org and pay a \$50 deposit online or you can pay by cash or check to the church office. If writing a check please reference "youth lake trip" in the memo line.

### Passport

The youth will travel to Passport Youth camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. Rising 7th graders can go to PassportKids OR Passport Youth. Deposit is \$100 due by April 1 and the total cost is \$450 due by May 1. Please contact Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

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**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!

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**Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic**

**Wednesday, April 3  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Youth House Backyard!

Preschool and Elementary aged children can bring their baskets and will hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

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**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**March 14**

Elizabeth Boone

**March 21**

Dabbs Massey

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**March 17**

**Firecrackers**

Lida & Gregg Caraway


**Sparklers**

Morgan & Aaron Samuels

## 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

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Roger Paynter, senior pastor at Northminster from 1989 to 1996. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Roger's family and friends.

## 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	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 fourth 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 Anne Guidry.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver of the Week is Marty Harper.

The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.

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

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

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**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.