



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Oh, to know the love of God,
and the peace in all things
is to understand the grace
of what a dying Savior brings.

Oh, to know the love of God,
that forgives us of our sin
is to understand the mercy
that flows from deep within.

Oh, to know the love of God,
and the promise of eternal life
is to understand the compassion
it took to end mankind's strife.

Oh, to know the love of God,
that heals, restores and renews
is to understand the promises
flowing throughout the Good News.

Oh, to know the love of God,
that one cannot earn or buy
is to come understand
why Jesus...had to die!

—Deborah Ann Belka

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 17, 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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

God speaks In the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.
 —Mother Teresa

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

*The Litany of Praise Cole Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God Almighty, You sent Your Son to be our Savior. In our salvation we have found the call to be disciples and, as we walk with You, to bring others along into discipleship with You.

People: We are a community of disciples, O God.

Leader: We are a community of disciples, O God.

All: Let us pray that we become the disciples Christ instructed us to be. 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 Cole Mahaffey

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Hebrews 5:5-10

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 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

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn, GH
3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
4:30 p.m.	Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.	Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building
9:00 a.m.	Palm Cross Making, GH
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper, GH
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Choir Presentation

The Northminster Choir will present Rutter's Requiem

on Sunday evening, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Rutter's Requiem is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works from the twentieth century. This beautiful, thoughtful music setting comprises a blending of selected texts from the Catholic Requiem Mass and the Anglican 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Tj

“The seven sections of the work form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: the first and last movements are prayers on behalf of all humanity, movements 2 and 6 are psalms, 3 and 5 are personal prayers to Christ, and the central Sanctus is an affirmation of divine glory.”

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### STEWSPOT FOOD PANTRY

Monday, March 18

Bob Boteler

Tuesday, March 19

Laine & Bob Hardin

Wednesday, March 20

Mary & Chico Taylor

Thursday, March 21

Sunny Fowler

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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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PASTORAL CARE NUMBER

601-980-1002

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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.

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

Let us seek then, the gift of silence, poverty, and solitude where everything we touch is turned into a prayer: where the sky is my prayer, and the birds are my prayer, and the wind in the trees is my prayer, for God is all in all.

—Thomas Merton

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. 213 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

\*The Offertory Prayer

Cole Mahaffey

The Offertory

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Jones

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 12:20-33

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

**Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Go not Far from Me”

Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God;  
cast me not away in the time of age;  
forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,  
that I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

The Sermon

“Upon the Heart”

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**

Until you have given up your self to God, you will not have a real self.  
—C. S. Lewis, *adapted*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 747 “Lead On, O King Eternal” *LANCASHIRE*

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God” Manz

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages March 17 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ page 642
- Psalm 51:1-12 ~ page 452
- Psalm 119:9-16 ~ page 493
- Hebrews 5:5-10 ~ page 973
- John 12:20-33 ~ page 875

**ADULT STUDIES**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall  
**Practices of the People**

Tonight

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 on Zoom.**

**Please contact Lesley for the link at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).**

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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, Sandi Rhoden, Gloria Montgomery, Kathy Burkhalter & M’lee Williams

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

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**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:** Ann Calhoon, Cindy Reed, Kathryn Davis, Hilda Boteler & George Luter

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

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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

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

We will meet at 5:00 tonight for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

Youth Lake Trip

The youth group (this includes rising 7th graders) will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13. Deposit is \$50 due by May 6 and the total cost is \$150 due by June 5th. Please email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

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.

Servers: Cade Montague, June Rankin, George Luter, Sandi Rhoden, Mary Heard & Joe D. Rankin

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 21**

Dabbs Massey

**March 28**

Mike Peters

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 24

Firecrackers

Gates & Kyle Skene

Sparklers

Anne McCaslin & Parker Snow

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

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 fifth 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 Elizabeth Boone.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver of the Week is Jean Welsh.

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.