

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

HALLELUJAH!
We are Easter people!
—John Paul II

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

**Eight o'clock

***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 "O Lamb of God Most Holy" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

Christian joy is letting Christ live through you so that what Christ is, you become.

—David Jeremiah

Call to Worship "Christ the Lord Hath Risen" Parker/Coker

Christ the Lord hath risen / From his three-day prison,
Meet it is to make merrie, / Jesus will our solace be. Alleluia.

Christ our victor Giant / Quells the foe defiant:

Let the ransomed People sing, / Glory to the Easter King. Alleluia.

*The Procession of the Easter Banner **Ellen Ruth Stancill
***Sybil Frame

*The Processional Hymn No. 234 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *EASTER HYMN*

*The Placement of the Paraments

*The Return of the Pascal (Christ) Candle **Dudley Stancill
***Iyanu Carson

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!

All: Hallelujah! 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 Cathy Davis

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Lessons Isaiah 25:6-9
I Corinthians 15:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in honor of:

Lily and Tom Friou by Susie Friou

Bonnie and Stuart Friou by Susie Friou

Suzanne and Bill Boone by Elizabeth and Stewart Boone

Sandra and Girault Jones by Elizabeth and Stewart Boone

Carolyn Aden by Gray Jackson

Ann and Gerry Lauman by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Suzanne and Bill Boone by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey

Jean and Kelley Williams by Gray Jackson

Mark and Rebecca Wiggs by Gray Jackson and Dabbs and Jeffery Massey

Judy and Guy Parker by Becky and Guy Parker

Julia and Mary Lynn Parker by Becky and Guy Parker

Anne McCaslin, Parker, Phinn, Sayle and Eloise Snow by Becky and Guy Parker

Anne and Bob Blackmon by Becky and Guy Parker

Carolyn Aden by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey

Dean Mahaffey by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey

Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey by Barrie and Eddie Mahaffey

Larkin Rials Branch by Shari Culver

Winston Culver by Shari Culver

George Culver by Shari Culver

Mary Foose Class Teachers by Jo Ann S. Welch

The Northminster Choir by Tim and Cheryl Coker

Mary Elizabeth Smith by Retta Boyd

Kandy and Joe Sims by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan

Elizabeth Triplett by John and Gail England

Mary and Chico Taylor by Elizabeth Barton

Charles Bacon by all his Northminster friends
 Ann Arrington Cruse by Ann Arrington, Carter, Cruise, Ramsey and Brian Long
 Barry B. Aden by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey
 Robert Joseph Mahaffey, Sr. by Barrie, Eddie, Cole, Andrew and Nicholas Mahaffey
 Tommie Ann Lee by Bill Lee
 W.T. Lee by Bill Lee
 George and Jan Purvis by John and Gayla Purvis
 Richard and Ruth Ballard by John and Gayla Purvis
 Dr. O.E. and Bette Dickinson by John and Becky Wooley
 Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Holder by Susan and Charles O'Mara
 Mr. and Mrs. Junior O'Mara by Susan and Charles O'Mara
 Harold Caver by Doug, Missy, Stone and J.W. Caver
 Margaret Caver by Doug, Missy, Stone and J.W. Caver
 Anne McIntyre Black and John McIntyre by Carolyn and John S. McIntyre, Sr.
 Elizabeth and W.R. Newman by Carolyn and John S. McIntyre, Sr.
 Lawrence and Merle Crumpton and Sandra Gayle Crumpton by Randall and
 Brenda Smith
 Louis and Dorothy Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith
 Felicita and Jason Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith
 JW Magee by Shari Culver
 Jack Root by Shari Culver
 Scotty Welch by Jo Ann S. Welch
 Emily Lewis Smith by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith Rymer and
 Sarah Smith Newcomb
 Jane Causey Lewis by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith Rymer and
 Sarah Smith Newcomb
 Bill Card by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Smith Rymer and
 Sarah Smith Newcomb
 Grover and Irene Coker by Tim and Cheryl Coker
 Louise Coker by Tim and Cheryl Coker
 Francis and Ozelle Wilgar by Tim and Cheryl Coker
 Ashley Laine Stack by Bob and Laine Hardin
 Ashley Stack by Julianne and Jerry Summerford
 Jim Hendrick by Janet and John Clark
 Mary Hendrick by Janet and John Clark
 John S. Clark by Janet and John Clark
 Mamie Clark by Janet and John Clark
 Ethan Clark by Janet and John Clark
 Larry Clark by Janet and John Clark
 Peggy Sims by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan
 Pinky and Dale Stockstill by Josh, Mary Kate, Jack, Mamie and Frances Whelan
 Jack Geary by Shirley Geary
 Beth Breland by George and Amy Williams

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Dear Lord, Risen Lord, Light of the world, to You be all praise and glory! This day, so full of Your presence, Your joy, Your peace, is indeed Your day.

—Henri Nouwen

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. 243 "Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

*The Offertory Prayer

Cathy Davis

The Offertory

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

Pethel

*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 16:1-8

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Fanfare for Easter"

Marshall

Alleluia! Now is Christ risen from the dead
 and is become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death,
 by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Alleluia!

The Sermon

"For They Were Afraid"

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

Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give.

—Pope Francis

*Parting Anthem	“Hallelujah!”	Handel
	Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!	

*The Benediction		Scott Dickison
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*The Postlude	“Toccata”	Widor
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**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages March 31 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Acts 10:34-43 ~ page 895
Isaiah 25:6-9 ~ page 568
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ pages 492-493
I Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ page 935
John 20:1-18 ~ pages 882-883
Mark 16:1-8 ~ pages 829-830

The church office will be closed Monday, April 1.
Caregiving will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m.
For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in memory of:

Mary and Jim Hendrick by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak
Ethan Clark by Ann Hendrick and Jim Kopernak
Lillian Norine Shaul by Tommy and Suzan Thames
Clementine and Henry Brown by Tommy and Suzan Thames
Norine and Tom Thames by Tommy and Suzan Thames
Ron Fender by Philip Blount
Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Pruet by The Calhoon family
Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Calhoon by The Calhoon family
John Cosier by Anne Brawley
Virgil Brawley by Anne Brawley
Steve Chester by Anne Brawley
O.B. and Easie Wooley by The Wooley Family
Inez and Dudley Wilson by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Wilson Peterson
Frances Wilson Lester by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Wilson Peterson
Dorothy and Kinton Polk by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Wilson Peterson
Dr. John B. Milam by Sherry and Amanda Milam
Roger P. Friou by Susie Friou
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Street by Susie Friou
Mr. Stephen B. Street by Susie Friou
Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Friou, Sr. by Susie Friou
Reather and Calhoun Pittman by Jean and Kelley Williams, Sr.
Katheryn and Clifford Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams, Sr.
Marlane C. Dove by Luke and Chris Dove
Fred A. Powell by Joan Haynie
Mary Evelyn and Thomas W. Patton by Joan Haynie
Monty Chotard
Fred Craig
Ruth and Ruel Trotter by Billy and Annette Trotter
Margaret and Myron Virgin by Billy and Annette Trotter
Robert E. Reynolds by Stacy and Michael Williams, Robert and Ana Palmer and Charlotte Palmer
John N. Palmer, Jr. by Stacy and Michael Williams, Robert and Ana Palmer and Charlotte Palmer
Clementine B. Palmer by Stacy and Michael Williams, Robert and Ana Palmer and Charlotte Palmer
Edwin Cale Williams by Stacy and Michael Williams, Robert and Ana Palmer and Charlotte Palmer
Dr. J. George Smith by Mary Elizabeth Smith
J. George Smith by Chico and Mary Taylor
Judy Green by Jeffery, Dabbs, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey
Heather Green by Jeffery, Dabbs, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey
Gray and Eda Jackson by Dabbs, Jeffery, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey and Gray Jackson III
Becky Jackson by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey
Wayne and Zeita Parker by Gray Jackson
Roger Paynter by Gray Jackson
Dee Dee Wimberly by Gray Jackson
Elizabeth Marsh by Gray Jackson
Dr. Barry Aden by Gray Jackson
J. Clifford and Martha Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Kyra Robertson Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Behm by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Robertson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Tracey R. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson
Janice Tyre by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson

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
 Lamennis Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, GH
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 1

10:30 a.m. Church office closed
 Meals on Wheels
 5:15 p.m. Youth Committee, YH

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, L/CR

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
 5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Ellen Gabardi Spiritual Workshop, Adult Ed.

Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program
 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

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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 Easter Sunday, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season of Eastertide.

Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.
 The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.
 The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Steve Godbold.
 The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
 The Caregiving Coordinators for April are Annette Hitt and Sunny Fowler.
 The Caregivers of the Week are Melissa and Steve Godbold.
 The Liturgist for March is Joe D. Rankin.
 The Liturgist for April is Gray Jackson.
 The Flowers for March are provided by Becky Frame, Kandy Sims, Geri Smith and Lisa Kelly.
 The Flowers for April are provided by Jill Buckley, Kathryn Davis, Kandy Sims and Lesley Mosby.
 The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.
 The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

No Sunday School today. There will be an Easter breakfast in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will not meet for youth group on Easter Sunday evening. We will be back in the youth house on April 7 with Graham Eklund leading us.

Stewpot

Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Great Hall kitchen, where we will prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot. We will go out to eat lunch when we finish.

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.

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.

BRUMFIELD HOUSE

April 4

Mitch Peters

April 11

Joe Sims

April 18

Dudley Wooley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 7

Firecrackers

Zina & Steve Bass

Sparklers

Jennifer & Christian Byrd

2024 ANNUAL GATHERING



Common Ground:
Beloved Community
as Mission



When?
April 19-20, 2024



Where?
Northminster Baptist Church
3955 Ridgewood Rd,
Jackson, MS 39211



Accommodations:
Residence Inn: The District
1248 Eastover Dr, Jackson,
MS 39211

For hotel group rate:
<http://tinyurl.com/GRFhotel2024>

SCHEDULE

APRIL 19

6:00pm: Welcome Dinner
7:00pm: Worship

An informal time of fellowship will follow at Fertile Ground Beer Co.

APRIL 20

8:00am: BWIM Breakfast
9:00am: Worship
Business Session
10:00am: Breakout Sessions
12:00pm: Dismiss

REGISTRATION

<http://tinyurl.com/GRFRegister2024>



NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP

INSIDE OUT

July 19th-21st
FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM
SATURDAY 9 AM - 12 PM
SUNDAY 9AM - 11:30 AM

QUESTIONS?
Contact Sandra Triplett
sandratriplett23@gmail.com
601.278.3817

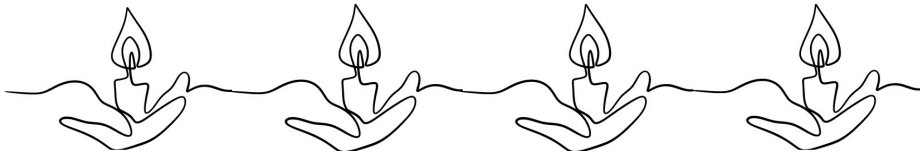
Register Here!

To guarantee a t-shirt, please register by June 15.

Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, April 28 ♡ 5:30 p.m. ♡ Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. There will be a reception in the courtyard after the service.



Wider Net Updates and Opportunities

Wider Net Book Club: "Having Nothing, Possessing Everything," by Mike Mather. Book club meeting TBD. Books are available in the church office for \$20. You may write a check or follow the QR code to pay on the church's online payment portal (select Wider Net: Book Club Book tab)

Mid City Neighborhood Walk and Talk, April 20. Northminster is providing five gift baskets for door prizes. If you would like to create a gift basket, please contact Ginger Parham at 601-201-2441 for more information, or donate online following the below QR code (select Wider Net: Mid City Gift Baskets tab).



ADULT STUDIES

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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 Leslie Ward for the link at lward@northminsterbaptist.org.

Ramadan Dinner

St. Andrew's and Northminster Baptist Church, in cooperation with Dialogue Institute Mississippi, are co-sponsoring a Ramadan dinner in observance of the Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan.

April 9, 2024

St. Andrew's Parish Hall
305 E. Capitol Street

Program starts at 6:45 p.m.
Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be catered by Aladdin's Restaurant.

Contact and RSVP Ben Garrott bgarrott@standrews.ms

Security provided. Parking in garage or on the street.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, April 1

Cooks

Peggy Brady
Rebecca Starling
Amanda Milam

Drivers

Rt. 1 Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2 Keith Davis & Michael Grantham

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs substitute drivers.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

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



GUYS vs GIRLS

GAME DAY

April 14 @ 3:30-5:00

Contact Jan at jan@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up!

