

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, April 14

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
3:30 p.m.	Guys vs. Girls Game Day
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH

Monday, April 15

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving
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Tuesday, April 16

4:30 p.m.	Cancer Support, L/CR
5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, L/CR

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 a.m.	Enneagram
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 19

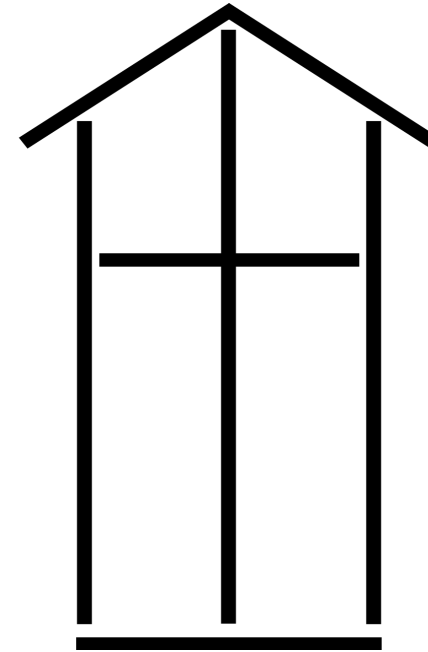
6:00 p.m.	Great Rivers Fellowship Welcome Dinner, GH
7:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

8:00 a.m.	BWIM Breakfast, GH
9:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
12:00 p.m.	Dismiss

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
3:30 p.m.	Music & Worship Cmte., L/CR
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



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lord, in this shared time we offer ourselves to each other.

We offer our understandings and insights –
 not to dominate or overthrow one another
 but that we ourselves might be challenged and changed.

We offer our emotions and experiences –
 not in self-indulgence but that through honesty and openness
 we may find and give encouragement and comfort.

We offer our skills and talents – not because of pride in our abilities
 but in a joyful recognition and sharing of your overflowing bounty.

And as we celebrate and offer our common humanity,
 the very flesh and fabric of our lives, may you, the Incarnate One,
 be once again embodied here
 in our individuality and our community.

—Pat Bennett, *Fire and Bread*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Burkhardt

The Meditation of Preparation

The Church as the body of Christ has many faces. The Church prays and worships. It speaks words of instruction and healing, cleanses us from our sins, invites us to the table of the Lord, binds us together in a covenant of love, sends us out to minister, anoints us when we are sick or dying, and accompanies us in our search for meaning and our daily need for support. All these faces might not come to us from those we look up to as our leaders. But when we live our lives with a simple trust that Jesus comes to us in our Church, we will see the Church's ministry in places and in faces where we least expect it. If we truly love Jesus, Jesus will send us the people to give us what we most need. And they *are* our spiritual leaders.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

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 Evelyn Sims

*The Processional Hymn No. 701 "God Is Here!" BEECHER

*The Litany of Praise Neva Eklund

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

People: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

All: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

—Ruth C. Duck, *Touch Holiness*

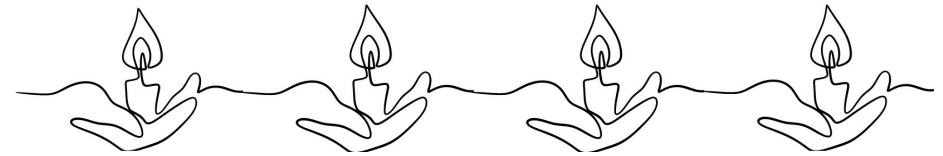
*The Gloria Patri No. 807 "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

**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.**

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.



A graphic for an event titled "INSIDE OUT" at Northminster Bible Camp. The text "INSIDE OUT" is written in large, bold, black letters. Above it, "NORTHMINSTER BIBLE CAMP" is written in a smaller, curved font. Below the title, a filmstrip-style border contains the dates "July 19th-21st" and the times: "FRIDAY 5:30-8 PM", "SATURDAY 9 AM - 12 PM", and "SUNDAY 9AM - 11:30 AM". To the right, a speech bubble contains the text "QUESTIONS? Contact Sandra Triplett sandratriplett23@gmail.com 601.278.3817". Below the speech bubble is a QR code and the text "Register Here!".

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

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>



*The Prayer of Invocation

Neva Eklund

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Psalm 4
I John 3:1-7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Our confession is an acknowledgment of our humanness, our need for God's grace. God has promised that we can be forgiven for our weaknesses, our insensitivities, our cynicism, and our lack of faith. We accept this assurance with humility and with the hope that it will lead us toward resurrection.

—Wheaton United Methodist Church, *Evanston, IL*

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. 708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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*The Offertory Prayer

Neva Eklund

The Offertory

"Alleluia"

Waters

*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

Luke 24:36b-48

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Day of Arising”

Cherwien

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

The Sermon

“The Humanity of it All”

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

God of humanity,
we give you thanks for friendships, old and new;
for the opportunity to connect with others,
to share stories and different perspectives,
and to live, learn, and laugh together.

—Rowena Aberdeen-de Voil, *Fire and Bread*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689 “The Church’s One Foundation” *AURELIA*

*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

*The Postlude “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *Powell*

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for April 14 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

- Acts 3:12-19 ~ page 887
- Psalm 4 ~ page 425
- I John 3:1-7 ~ page 990
- Luke 24:36b-48 ~ page 861

Musician for Today

Amulet Strange, flute

ADULT STUDIES

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Interfaith Spiritual Practices

April 14: Rabbi Joseph Rosen will share on spiritual practices with Judaism
April 21: Sabri Agachan of Dialogue Institute Mississippi will share on spiritual practices in Islam

Adult Studies will also be on Zoom. Please contact Leslie Ward for the link at lward@northminsterbaptist.org.

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**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 QR code below (select Wider Net: Mid City Gift Baskets tab).



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**GUYS vs GIRLS
GAME DAY**

April 14 @ 3:30-5:00

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



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 July 13-19.

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## **BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

### April 18

Dudley Wooley

### April 25

TBA

### May 2

Bryan Bridges

### May 9

Skipper Jernigan

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 21

Firecrackers

Krysten & Jay Jernigan

Sparklers

Neely & Michael McGinnis

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## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

### Wednesday, April 17

#### Cooks

Jan Stewart  
Amy Moremen  
Jim Blackwood

#### Drivers

Rt. 1 Suzan & Tommy Thames  
Rt. 2 Beverly Raddin &  
Taylor Pedigo

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Meals on Wheels needs volunteers


Meals on Wheels needs substitute drivers.
Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, contact Steve Bass at 601-209-2436.

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 Robbie Cross, a member of Northminster since 2008. Christian Sympathy is extended to all of Robbie'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	Carla Holt
Tom Starling		

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 Third Sunday 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.

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The Deacon of the Week is Bill Thompson.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for April are Annette Hitt and Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiver of the Week is Steve Godbold.

The Liturgist for April is Gray Jackson.

The Flowers for April are provided by Jill Buckley, Kathryn Davis, Kandy Sims and Lesley Mosby.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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Northminster welcomes the Spann Elementary School teachers and staff who are worshipping with us today. Spann and Northminster have long been associated through Jackson Public Schools' "Partners in Education." Our church's Adopt-A-School Committee works with Spann students and teachers at many different events throughout the school year.