

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We gather together to worship God,
the Shepherd of our souls.
The one who has created us,
who sustains us,
who redeems us,
who walks beside us in good times and bad,
and who calls us to follow.
This is our God!
Let's worship God together!

—Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia. Our Easter joy is revealed in the love of Jesus our shepherd.

—Ken Canedo

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 Ann Arrington Long

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

*The Litany of Praise Betsy Beard

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Leader: Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your might, and come to save us!

People: Shepherd your people with your staff, O Lord; the flock that belongs to you.

Leader: For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep.

People: I will seek the lost and bring back the strayed. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak.

Leader: I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them. They shall not fear any longer or be dismayed.

All: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

—Shepherd Liturgy by Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel

*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 Betsy Beard

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

Lamenais Simeon

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

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

Monday, April 22

8:30 a.m.

Caregiving

10:00 a.m.

Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m.

Wider Net Committee, L/CR

Tuesday, April 23

6:00 p.m.

Growing Up Knowing Board Meeting, L/CR

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, L/CR

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

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/Senior Recognition

11:30 a.m.

Senior Recognition Luncheon

5:00 p.m.

Preschool and Elementary Atrium

and Four5Six

5:00 p.m.

Youth, YH

5:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Light, Sanctuary

Northminster Baptist Church
3955 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211
601-982-4703
www.northminsterbaptist.org

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.

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The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Psalm 23  
I John 3:16-24

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness; but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

—Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Hawks

**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. 107 "Christ Be My Leader"

SLANE

\*The Offertory Prayer

Betsy Beard

The Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Milford

\*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

John 10:11-18

Jennifer Hawks

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.


People: **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

The Anthem "Lo, My Shepherd's Hand Divine" Haydn  
 Lo, my Shepherd's hand divine!  
 Want shall never more be mine.  
 When I faint with summer's heat,  
 He shall lead my weary feet  
 To the streams that still and slow  
 Through the verdant meadows flow.

The Sermon "On Shepherds, and Where to Find Them" 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**

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,  
 and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.  
 Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
 May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
 And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
 ...and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
 ...in the name of Christ. Amen.

—Nathan Nettleton

\*The Recessional Hymn "We Are Called to Be God's People" AUSTRIAN HYMN  
 No. 710

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude "Hymn to Joy" Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for April 21 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 4:5-12 ~ page 887  
 Psalm 23 ~ pages 435-436  
 I John 3:16-24 ~ pages 990-991  
 John 10:11-18 ~ pages 872-873

**ADULT STUDIES**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**Interfaith Spiritual Practices**

**Tonight:** 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.**

**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).



**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Monday, April 22

**Cooks**

Jean Welsh  
 Cathy Davis  
 Polly Watkins

**Drivers**

Rt. 1 Steve Bass & Troy Browning  
 Rt. 2 Marianna Field & Janet Holt

**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.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

April 28

**Chapel Coordinators**

Taylor & Justin Beard

**Firecrackers**

Ramsey & Brian Long

**Sparklers**

Sandra & Rob Triplett

**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. We have three Sunday nights left for this school year. Tonight we will be led by Graham Eklund. April 28, we will meet at the Youth House at 5:00 to eat dinner and then walk over to the sanctuary to attend the Liturgy of the Light service led by the children.

**Smith Lake 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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Senior Recognition Sunday

On April 28 Seniors will be recognized during Sunday morning worship. Following the service, seniors, families, and special guests are invited to a luncheon.

Juniors: We need your help to host the luncheon. You will be the servers for the luncheon; let Carrie Blount know if you can help us celebrate the graduating seniors.

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**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

(or parents of graduates)

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or lward@northminsterbaptist.org with name, degree and school information.

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

April 25

TBA

May 2

Bryan Bridges

May 9

Skipper Jernigan

May 16

Bill Thompson

May 23

Scott Wilson

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**Pastoral Care Number**

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need, please call 601-980-1002.

**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**

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| 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

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 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 Holly Wiggs.

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 Zina Bass.

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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Jennifer Hawks is Director of Advocacy for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, having previously served as Associate General Counsel for BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty). A graduate of Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi School of Law, Hawks earned a Master of Divinity degree from George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. She is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, Texas and Mississippi bars, and she was ordained into the Gospel ministry by McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia.