

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

So maybe, on reflection, Jesus had his reasons
to meet with the other disciples when I wasn't there.

I didn't know what to believe.
I needed to see Jesus for myself –
and a week later I did.

He stood in front of me
naming me – Thomas –
inviting me to touch him
to make sure for myself
that he was flesh and blood.

It was different for me –
but maybe it's different for everyone.

Jesus names each one of us
and invites us into his risen life.

—Ruth Burgess, *Fire and Bread*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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 "Today God's Only Begotten Son" Bach

The Meditation of Preparation

Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe; unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness.

—John Drummond

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 Mabry Hendrix

*The Processional Hymn No. 254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" ODE TO JOY

*The Litany of Praise Rob Hill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands and shout your praise.

People: Jesus is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.

Leader: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

People: God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work among us.

Leader: God calls us into partnership with Christ Jesus and bids us walk in the light.

All: How good and pleasant it is when children of God dwell in unity.

—Lavon Bayler, *Whispers of God*

*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.**

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 7

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, GH
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
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 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
6:45 p.m. Ramadan Dinner, St. Andrews Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14

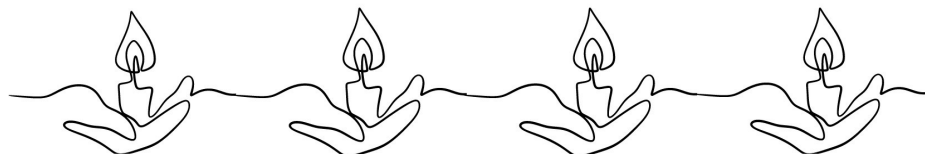
8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
3:30 p.m.	Guys vs. Girls Game Day
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
5:00 p.m.	Youth, YH
5:30 p.m.	Adult Studies, GH

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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.



CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Tuesday, April 9
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children who have a birthday in April are invited to stop by the Northminster Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Scott.

*The Prayer of Invocation

The Greeting

The Lessons

Psalm 133
I John 1:1-2:2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Rob Hill
Scott Dickison

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Open our eyes: WE LONG TO SEE YOU. We think of Thomas, so full of doubt. Yet you recognized his need to be reassured by your presence. We offer you our concerns for our world. Sometimes it is hard to see your presence in events that unfold. Comfort us and take away our doubt as we pray for reconciliation and hope in the world in which we live.

—Ruth Bowen, *Fire and Bread*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

**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. 239 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *DUKE STREET*

*The Offertory Prayer *Rob Hill*

The Offertory "This Joyful Eastertide" *Burkhardt*

*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 20:19-31 *Marty Harper*

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Christ Is Now Arisen”

Scott

Now the song is begun, for the battle is done,
 And the victory won: now the foe is scattered:
 Death's dark prison shattered:
 Sing of joy; And today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

They that followed in pain shall not follow to reign,
 And the crown shall obtain;
 They were sore assaulted, they shall be exalted:
 Sing of joy; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore,
 When the conflict is o'er;
 There is joy supernal; there is peace eternal;
 Sing of life; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

Then be brave, then be true, ye despised and ye few,
 For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you,
 Spreads His buckler o'er you.
 Sing of strength; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

Lo, the vict'ry is won, and the foe is scattered,
 Death's dark prison shattered!
 Hallelujah, earth and skies bid it rise,
 Christ is now arisen! Hallelujah!
 Come today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

The Sermon

“By the Marks”

Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

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.

Ramadan Dinner

St. Andrew's Cathedral 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.

Tuesday, 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.

RSVP to Ben Garrott bgarrott@standrews.ms

Security provided. Parking in garage or on the street.

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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.

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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).



## 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

With practical doubt,  
Thomas, of generous heart,  
sees his God revealed.

—Easter Haiku by Margaret Moakes, *Fire and Bread*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 247 "The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for April 7 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:**

Acts 4:32-35 ~ page 888

Psalm 133 ~ page 501

I John 1:1-2:2 ~ page 989

John 20:19-31 ~ page 883

## Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as is the Savior we follow.

**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 Second 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.



The Deacon of the Week is Andy Frame.  
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 Sunny and David Fowler.  
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.



**ADULT STUDIES**

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**Interfaith Spiritual Practices**

Today, 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](mailto:lward@northminsterbaptist.org).**

**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. Graham Eklund will be leading us.

**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](mailto: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.



**BRUMFIELD HOUSE**

**April 11**

Joe Sims

**April 18**

Dudley Wooley

**April 25**

TBA

**May 2**

Bryan Bridges

**May 9**

Skipper Jernigan



**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**April 14**

**Chapel Coordinators**

Anna & Andy Frame

**Firecrackers**

Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

**Sparklers**

Kim & Kyle Watson



**GUYS vs GIRLS**

**GAME DAY**

April 14 @ 3:30-5:00

Contact Jan at [jan@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:jan@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up!

