

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, “What? You too? I thought I was the only one.”

—C.S. Lewis

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 5, 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" Manz

The Meditation of Preparation

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 Billy Dickison

*The Processional Hymn "Northminster Jubilee" *HYFRYDOL*

Birtherd with hearts and doors wide open; Called to love, serve, think and pray.
 Birtherd with distinctive witness; Which we still embrace today.
 Birtherd by Baptists of hope and courage Now we come to jubilee;
 Still who we were the day we were founded, Still becoming what yet we'll be.

In the synagogue and schoolroom, Found we our first resting place.
 Then to windowed walls on Ridgewood; House of worship, hope and grace.
 To this space each week we gather, From this place we leave to live;
 List'ning for the voice of Jesus, Calling us to care and give.

On the shoulders of our founders, Sons and daughters, gladly we
 Keep alive their dream and vision; They the seed, now we the tree.
 Never finished, ever reaching, For a deeper wider way,
 To embody the Spirit's leading; Step by step, and day by day.

Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter; Round and round the years roll on.
 Generation to generation, Finding here our spiritual home.
 Let the bells dance from the tower, Choir and organ, voices raise.
 Children, teens, adults and elders, To our God we lift glad praise.

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, May 5

9:00 a.m.	Mentor Program, L/CR
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
11:30 p.m.	Anniversary Potluck Luncheon, GH
5:00 p.m.	Preschool and Elementary Atrium and Four5Six
5:00 p.m.	Youth End of the Year Party, YH

Monday, May 6

8:30 a.m.	Caregiving, L/CR
10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, May 7

3:00 p.m.	Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
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Wednesday, May 8

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

Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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 3955 Ridgewood Road
 Jackson, MS 39211
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www.northminsterbaptist.org

Sunday School classes will not meet May 26.

Summer Sunday School for Children

Begins June 2 from 9:15 to 10:15

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, bible skills and crafts!

We hope your children will join us!

Bibles for Rising Seventh Graders

As our seniors leave, our rising seventh graders become part of the Youth Group. The tradition has been to have members of the congregation honor each new Youth Group member with a Bible to use throughout their years at Northminster. The Bibles cost \$30 each. If you are interested in honoring one of these new members of our Youth Group with a Bible, please contact the church office at 601-982-4703 or neely@northminsterbaptist.org.

This year's new Youth Group members

Benjamin Buckley	Dixon Clark
Bowen Cox	Nicholas Mahaffey
Sterling Massey	Evie Moremen
Elizabeth Peters	Marlow Ratcliff
Kate Samuels	Dudley Stancill
May Taylor	Madeleine Wylie

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 Litany of Praise**

Gray Jackson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: **God's right hand and holy arm have gained the victory.**

Leader: The Lord has made known this victory, God has been vindicated in the sight of the nations.

People: **The Lord is steadfast and faithful to the house of Israel.**

All: **All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

—Psalm 98, *adapted*

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

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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**

Gray Jackson

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Psalm 98
I John 5:1-6

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Christ's oath, Christ's covenant and blood, support me in the 'whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.

—Edward Mote

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Solon Smith

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. 768 "I Come with Joy"**

DOVE OF PEACE

***The Offertory Prayer**

Gray Jackson

The Offertory

"The Gift of Love"

Wood

*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 15:9-17 Solon Smith

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Where Love Is" Cardon

Where love is, there God is also. Where love is, we want to be.
Guide us, his truths to follow; Help us obey Him faithfully.

Where love is, there God is also. We think of Him reverently.
Teach us to pray, to talk with him above and know that He will
guide us with O his love.

The comfort of loving arms around us, a song that makes us want to sing,
Makes us sing the happiness we feel when love has found us,
Tis love we get when love we bring.

Where love is, there God is also. Where love is we want to be.
Guide us, his truths to follow, help us obey him faithfully.

Where love is, there God is also and with him we want to be.
Show us the way and guide us tenderly. That we may dwell with him eternally.

The Sermon "I Have Called You Friends" 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

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

The Cup

Worshipers 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.

Please join us as we celebrate the

57th Anniversary of Northminster Baptist Church

Anniversary Potluck Luncheon

Today immediately following the worship service

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**CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, May 6

Cooks

Becky Wooley

Polly Bourne

Kathryn Davis

Drivers

Rt. 1 Charles & Susan O'Mara

Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**May 12**

**Firecrackers**

Dana & Scott Wilson

**Sparklers**

Laura & Patrick Taylor

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BRUMFIELD HOUSE

May 9

Skipper Jernigan

May 16

Bill Thompson

May 23

Scott Wilson

May 30

TBA

June 6

Mike Peters

June 13

Jeff Wilson

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

End of the Year Party is today!

Tonight at 5:00. We will have burgers and crawfish on the deck of the youth house, play games and enjoy fellowship with one another as we wrap up another school year.

Summer Events

All summer events will include the rising 7th graders! We will have some in town summer events. Dates will be posted soon so check back for those.

Smith Lake Youth Lake Trip

The youth will travel to Smith Lake, AL June 10-13. Deadline to sign up is May 6 with a deposit of \$50. The total cost is \$150 due by June 5th. Please email Dabbs at dabbs@northminsterbaptist.org to reserve your spot or for any questions you might have.

Passport

The youth will travel to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC July 13-19.

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**The last Preschool and Elementary Atrium,  
and SN456 until fall will be today at 5:00 p.m.**  
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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 neely@northminsterbaptist.org with name, degree and school information.

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**Pastoral Care Number**

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

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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).



The Communion Anthem "Now Is the Time of Celebration"

Weeks/Coker

Now is the time of celebration; this is the day of jubilee!
Let us weave our myriad voices in a holy tapestry.

Refrain:

Now is the time of celebration! This is the day of jubilee!

Honor we the sacred mem'ry of the saints who've gone before;
laud the gifts of those around us Spirit on us richly poured!

Refrain:

Pilgrims on a great adventure more than wanderers are we.
Fellow strugglers on a journey, seeking truth and liberty.

Refrain:

Hearts turned inward, hands turned outward, eyes uplifted to the
skies;
knowing self and serving others under Yahweh's watchful eye.

Refrain:

Praise to God who brought us forward; praise to God who makes us
free.
Praise to God who now in dwells us, praise the Holy Trinity!

Refrain:

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

Give me such love for God and humanity, as will blot out all hatred and bitterness.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 "The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

"Jubilate"

Jordan

****The congregation will please stand.***

The Lectionary passages for May 5 are found on the following pages in the pew Bible:

Acts 10:44-48 ~ page 895
Psalm 98 ~ page 480
I John 5:1-6 ~ page 991
John 15:9-17 ~ page 878

Musician

Amulet Strange, *flute*

Anniversary Hymns

“Northminster Jubilee,” Charles Poole
“Now Is the Time of Celebration,” Randall Weeks

Guest Worship Leader

Solon B. Smith is the Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation. Originally from the Delta, Solon lives in Fondren with his wife Leah Rupp Smith and his dogs Tucker and Luna Lee.

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.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS



Northminster is saddened by the death of Dally Wilson, a member of Northminster since 1993. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Dally’s family and friends.

Billy Trotter is hospitalized at Baptist Hospital.

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

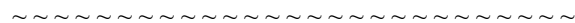
The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Sixth 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 Jeff Wilson.
The Caregiving Chair for May is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiver of the Week is Bob Boteler.
The Liturgist for May is Amanda Milam.
The Flowers for May are provided by Kathryn Sams, Kandy Sims, Lawana McLennan and Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.