

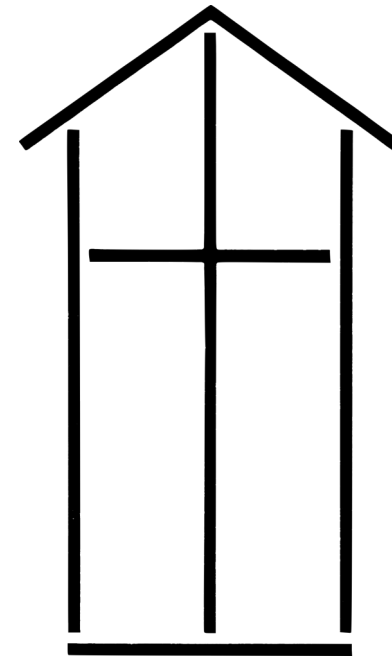
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Justin Beard.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Kathryn Davis.
The Caregiver of the Week is Carrie Ann Stallings.
The Liturgist for September is Kirk Sims.
The flowers for September are provided by Kandy Sims,
Kathryn Davis, Geri Smith, Kathryn Sams and Jill Buckley.
The Usher Captain for September is Dawn Warrington.

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
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

With God there is joy, and from God it comes down and seizes spirit, soul, and body. And where this joy has seized a person, it reaches out around itself, it pulls others along, it bursts through closed doors. There is a kind of joy that knows nothing at all of the pain, distress, and anxiety of the heart.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Life Together

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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 Meditation of Preparation

If ever there has been a stranger in need, someone completely excluded and hopeless, fully dependent on the grace of another—that is us. We were out in the cold, victims of our own folly, freezing to death from the coldness in our own hearts. And all throughout history, God opens the door, rescues us, and welcomes us back into relationship through sheer, inexplicable grace.

—Brandon Clements, Dustin Willis
The Simplest Way to Change the World

The Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God” Bach/Fox

The Call to Worship Erickson
 “Let the Words of Our Mouths”

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our rock and our salvation.

*The Processional Hymn No. 95 *CORONATION*
 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*The Litany of Praise Mike Peters

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O God, save me by your name,

People: And vindicate me by your might.

Leader: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my
mouth.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

11:30 a.m. Children’s Ministries Cmte.

5:00 p.m. Atrium, SN456

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, September 23

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, September 24

5:30 p.m. Finance Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, L/CR

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Jo Ann Ratliff Visitation, GH

11:00 a.m. Jo Ann Ratliff Funeral

12:00 p.m. Jo Ann Ratliff Reception, GH

Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Atrium, SN456

5:30 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

September 22: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
September 29: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—TBD

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children whose birthdays are in October are invited to stop by the Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, October 18, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, October 16. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents’ Night Out on November 8 and December 13.

Save the Date—Children’s Retreat

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be exploring the theme “Our Time Is Sacred,” and highlighting the life of Jesus through the colors of the liturgical calendar. We’ll play games, have Bible study, do a ropes course, and have a bonfire. This year, we will have our retreat at the same time as the Northminster youth, and we will gather for a kickball tournament with them in the afternoon.

We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on November 16 and return in time for worship at Northminster on November 17. More details to follow.

People: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

Leader: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

People: The Lord will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

Leader: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

People: I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Leader: For the Lord has delivered me from every trouble,

All: And my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

*The Gloria Patri

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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

Mike Peters

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Anna Mitchell Peters

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Anna Mitchell, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

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!

—K. Lee Scott, *Christ Is Now Arisen*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon Lesley Ratcliff

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. 563 *I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*The Offertory Prayer Mike Peters

The Offertory “Abide With Us, Our Savior” Haan

*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 9:30-37 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, September 25

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: fried chicken, savory fall salad, squash casserole,
rice consommé, bread, assorted desserts, iced tea

Servers: Ann Calhoun, Sara Cox, Joe and Judy Rankin

Cashier: George Luter

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Pool Party & Cook Out

Today, 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Jean and Kelley Williams' house—2030 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS.
Bring your appetites, swimsuits, and towels for an evening of food, fun,
and water.

Youth Fall Retreat

November 15-17

The youth will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15 to head to Twin Lakes. During our retreat we will have a bonfire, complete a challenge course, sing, share sacred moments together and even have a kickball tournament with the Northminster children! We will return in time for worship at Northminster on November 17.

Our retreat theme will be “Our Time Is Sacred” and Kelsey Stillwell will be leading us. Kelsey is a writer, retreat leader, and former Associate Pastor for Youth and Missions at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia.

Meals on Wheels

Monday, September 23

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Kelly Hicks	Julie & Dudley Wooley
Kandy Sims	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Ann Calhoon	Marianna Field & Janet Holt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What It Means to Be Human: Studies in Genesis

Tonight, September 29, October 6, 20 and 27

Few books in the Bible have captured the imagination of readers through the generations like the Book of Genesis. Placed at the beginning of scripture, it tells a story of creation that echoes out through all that is to come. This fall, Scott will lead us in taking a closer look at the opening eleven chapters of Genesis, which we often take to be the story of creation and humanity's beginnings. Yet we will consider how these founding stories aim to tell us not simply from where we have come, but who we are in the present.

Rising Hope: A Together for Hope Documentary

November 10 and 17

"In this cinematic portrait of the forgotten Mississippi Delta, a coalition region of Together for Hope, the cinematographers follow the inspirational individuals who, despite challenging personal hardships, are determined to keep hope alive in their communities and turn the tables on the degrading narrative of rural poverty."

We'll watch the documentary across two nights of Adult Studies and conclude our viewing on November 17 with a discussion led by Jason Coker, President of Together for Hope.

The Anthem	"Psalm 1"	Marshall
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Blessed are they who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like a tree planted by streams of water.

The Sermon	"Humility and Hospitality"	Scott Dickison
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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

And then her heart changed, or at least she understood
it; and the winter passed, and the sun shone upon her.

—J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Return of the King*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 583	<i>DIADEMATA</i>
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"Make Me a Captive, Lord"

*The Benediction	Scott Dickison
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*The Postlude	"Jubilation"	Young
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**The congregation will please stand.*

The scriptures for today are found on
the following pages in the pew Bible:

Psalm 1, page 424
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, page 982
Mark 9:30-37, page 821

Today is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

————— **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

Christian sympathy is extended to Rose Mary Porter on the death of her sister, Sylvia Moreland.

Kathy Miller is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Roxanne Aldridge	Carolyn Aden
Tom Starling	Sue Edwards	R.W. McCarley
Carla Holt	Virginia Hamilton	Libby McGee

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.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

September 26:	Jeff Wilson
October 3:	Joe Sims
October 10:	Kirk Sims
October 17:	Joe Rankin