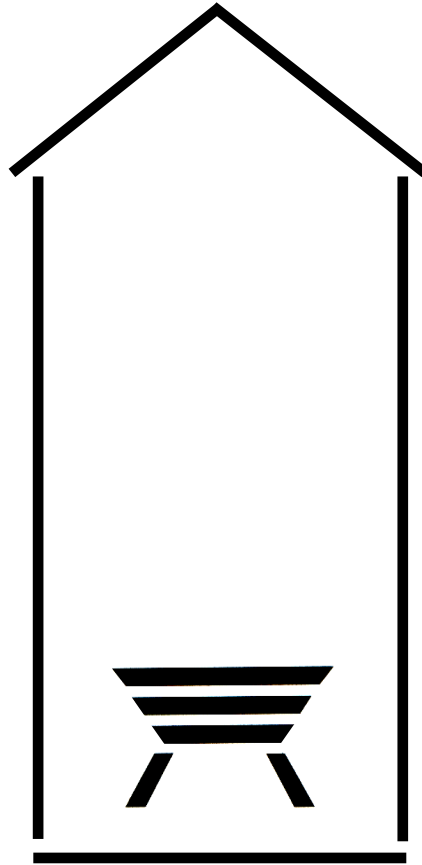


All Hearts Beat as One!



NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024
Ten-thirty o'clock

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, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

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The Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come" Bach

The Carol Call to Worship "Personet Hodie" Hal Hopson

On this day earth shall ring; With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us. *Ideo* (for that reason) *gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth; When he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth; Ox and ass beside him
From the cold would hide him. *Ideo* (for that reason) *gloria in excelsis Deo!*

On this day angels sing; With their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King, Born on earth to save us;
Peace and love he gave us. *Ideo* (for that reason) *gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*The Lighting of the Candle of Peace Adella Quinn

*The Advent Banner Mary Tait Hendrix

*The Processional Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *ADESTE FIDELES*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest";

Refrain:

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

“Fantasy on Christmas Carols”

R. Vaughan Williams

Farrar Strum, *baritone*

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of Love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain, from evil free,
Except they ate of such a tree.

The first thing which I will relate
Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

And they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin,
Ruined themselves, both you and me
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes.
Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son.

Come all you worthy gentlemen that may be standing by,
Christ our blessed Saviour was born on Christmas day,
The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray
Oh, we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Christ our Blessed Saviour now in the manger lay,
He's lying in the manger, while the oxen feed on hay.
The Blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray
Oh, we wish you the comfort and tiding of joy!

When sin departs before thy grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

God bless the ruler of this house, and long may he reign,
Many happy Christmases he live to see again!
God bless our generation, who live both far and near
And we wish them a happy New Year
Both now and evermore, Amen.

*The Offertory Carol

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Hopson

All: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Choir: *Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, Off-spring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail incarnate Deity!
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!”*
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

All: Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

*The Offertory Prayer Billy Dickison

The Offertory “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” Wood

*The Doxology *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia!

The Gospel Lesson Luke 2:8-14 Billy Dickison

THE MEDITATION II About to Turn Scott Dickison

“Canticle of the Turning” (*The Magnificat*)
Suzy Haynes, *mezzo soprano* Hopson

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain:

From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain:

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
’Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

Refrain:

“How Dark the Night”

Molly Ijames

How dark the night in Bethlehem where trav’lers sought for rest;
How crude the cave they sheltered in while sheep and oxen slept.
Then light shone forth into the world, dispelling sin and strife.
The Child born to a virgin girl was Christ, the Light of Life.

How dark the night o’er pastures bleak where shepherds kept their watch;
How cold the wind which stole their sleep and chilled their weary flock.
Then glory pierced the midnight sky, and turned fatigue to fright;
“The King is born,” the angel cried to hail the birth of Light.

How dark the night of fallen souls, by sin and guilt oppressed;
How hopeless our unspoken woe, asleep but not at rest;
Till Christ breaks through our moral night and melts the heart of stone;
“All praise to God in heaven’s height and peace to men below.”

How dark the night that shrouds the world where war and anguish reign;
How fierce our swords, how sharp our words, how piercing is our pain.
O Christ, return like blazing dawn—the Morning Star of Light!
The Lord Himself will be our Sun, and day eclipse the night.

THE MEDITATION III

All Hearts Beat as One!

Scott Dickison

“A Christmas Carmen”

Timothy Coker

I. Sound over All Waters

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!
With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

II. Chorals of Love

Sing the bridal of nations! with chorals of love,
Sing out the war-vulture and sing in the dove,
Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord!
Clasp hands of the nations
In strong congratulations:
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

III. Song of Great Joy

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north, and south let the long quarrel cease.
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will to all!

The Time of Response

The Parting Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Hopson

- All. 1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
- Choir: 2. *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hoch-heilige Paar. Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar.
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh', Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*
- Choir: 3. *Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*
- *All: 4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”

Hudson

The Northminster Choir

Soprano I

Coker, Cheryl
Haynes, Suzy
McGinnis, Neely
Porter, Rose Mary
Steadman, Pam

Alto I

Milam, Amanda
Monier, Mary-Katherine
Smith, Suzanne
Stribling, Jennifer

Tenor I

Burt, Derrick
Fillingham, Frank

Bass I

Haynes, Roger
Montague, Cade
Strum, Farrar
Watson, Kyle

Soprano II

Brunson, Cindy
Cook, Jeanne
Foster, Shirley
Williams, Jean

Alto II

Boyd, Tricia
Moak, Mary Jane
Thompson, Sally

Tenor II

Coker, J J

Bass II

Edwards, Jack
England, John
Rankin, Joe

Sheila Hess, *Organist/Rehearsal Accompanist*
Timothy Coker, *Conductor*

The Orchestra

Violin I

Daniel Jones
Ryan Rogers
Emily Williams
Sarah Cartwright

Viola

Ausra Jasineviciute
Leslie Wood
Kate Morgan
Thornburn McGee

String Bass

Glenn Hale

Flute

Cheri Waite

Violin II

Ann McNally
Mary Rogers
Jerome Hawkins
Christine Knupp

Cello

Ben Randman
Nancy Bateman
Margaret Pigott

Timpani & Percussion

Jason Mathena
Bruce Golden

Organ

Sheila Hess

Advent and Christmas at Northminster

Spann Kindergartners Sing Christmas Carols

You are invited to join the Adopt-A-School Committee in listening to the Spann School Kindergartners sing Christmas Carols Friday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Northminster Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is currently in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel and may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel anytime the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Tuesday, December 17, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.

Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join our 3rd—12th graders for Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. We'll meet in the back parking lot, carpool to carol at a few members' homes, and return to the church by 5:00.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.
Pre-service music begins at 5:00 p.m.

Childcare will be available.

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt,
Sarah Reynolds and Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiver of the Week is Sarah Reynolds.
The Liturgist for December is Amy Williams.
The flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly,
Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.

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
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