



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The will of God will never take you to  
where the grace of God will not protect you.

—Anonymous

***NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH***  
***3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211***

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
March 16, 2025  
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

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

—Ephesians 4:32

The Prelude      “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”      Homilius

The Call to Worship      “Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”      Gibbons

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heav’n the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

The Procession of the Lenten Banner      Ellen Ruth Stancill

\*The Processional Hymn No. 78      *ST. ANN*

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*The Litany of Praise      Pam Steadman

Leader:      The Lord be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

Leader:      Lord, walk with us and sustain us.

**People:      Lord, guide us on the purple path.**

Leader:      Give us wisdom to turn from temptation and grace to  
turn to you.

**People: Lord, guide us on the purple path.**

**All: Keep us on your path of love, mercy, and grace.  
Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

*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

Pam Steadman

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God, give us courage to accept your will in our  
lives, even when doing so will demand dearly of us. Amen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Scott Dickison

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

**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 trespass-  
es, 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. 212

*WONDRIOUS LOVE*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Pam Steadman

The Offertory

“Pleading Savior”

Haan

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Behold the Wounds in Jesus’ Hands”

Naylor

Behold the wounds in Jesus’ hands, the mark upon His side.  
Then ponder whom He meant to save when on the cross He died.  
We cannot see the love of God which saves us from the fall,  
Yet know that Christ from wood and nails built mansions for us all.

Behold the outstretched hands of Christ, our God, who came to save,  
Whose love and grace redeem our souls and lift us from the grave.  
Tho’ bruised and battered as we stray, His guiding hands caress;  
He washes and anoints with oil then in His arms we rest.

Behold the wounds in Jesus’ hands, look to your Lord and live.  
He yearns to bless you with His love and all your sins forgive.  
Oh, empty is the heart of man when it is filled with sin.  
Come, open wide your broken heart and let your Savior in!

Behold His wounded hands and feet! Come touch and see and feel  
The wounds and marks that you may know His love for you is real.  
Then as you fall to worship Him and wash His feet in tears,  
Your Savior takes you in His arms and quiets all your fears.

The Sermon

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem”

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

The safest place in all the world is in the will of God.

—Warren Wiersbe

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 392

*O WALY WALY*

“When Love Is Found”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay”

Bach

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 27, pages 437-438

Philippians 3:17-4:1, page 955

Luke 13:31-35, page 849

**Today is the second Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus’ final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ’s sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.

The Northminster Flower Committee

## **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, March 23  
immediately following the worship service

### **Agenda**

- I. Recommendation from Search Committee  
for Associate Pastor for Students
- II. Recommendation for Allocation of  
2024 Budget Surplus
- III. Update on Construction Projects

### **————— 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 Richard and Marilyn Joiner on the death of Marilyn's sister, Dorothy Ann Morton Beatty.

#### **ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Tom Starling	Sue Edwards	Linda McGehee
Carla Holt	Virginia Hamilton	

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**

March 20: Justin Beard  
March 27: Mike Peters  
April 3: Mitch Peters  
April 10: Joe Sims

## **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, March 19

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Elizabeth Quinn	Amy Finkelberg & Nancy Smith
Kathy Burkhalter	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Sara Hays	Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

## ———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

### **Around the Table Sign Ups**

Join a small group of Northminsterites for dinner and conversation! Sign up for the dates that you would like to participate, and the pastors will assign participants to the host homes. Hosts will provide the main dish and will be in touch to coordinate sides and dessert.

Saturday, March 22

**Deadline to register is March 14.**

Saturday, March 29

Deadline to register is March 21.

Saturday, April 12

Deadline to register is April 4.

To RSVP, please call or email the church office.

In collaboration with the Dialogue Institute Mississippi

### **Ramadan Interfaith Dinner**

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

This will be a time of fellowship followed by presentations on fasting in the Christian and Muslim traditions by Northminster pastors and Sabri Agachan, a friend of Northminster and state representative for the Dialogue Institute Mississippi. We will break the fast with a meal beginning

at sunset, around 7:10, which will offer food from Aladdin Mediterranean Grill as well as dishes prepared by our Turkish friends and other Muslim families in our community.

Because food is being prepared by our friends, we kindly request reservations for dinner by Friday, March 14.

To RSVP, please call or email the church office.

### **A Lenten Offering**

The Worship and Music Committee offers *A Lenten Journey 2025* daily devotional guide for meditation and reflection during this season of Lent. We hope that the creative expressions and offerings by members and friends of Northminster will encourage and enhance your personal worship during this season of spiritual preparation. Copies are available throughout the church for you to take and share.

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, March 19

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: chicken & andouille stew,  
Mississippi stone ground grits, spinach salad,  
french bread & bread pudding

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Sara Cox,  
Beth Hood & Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter

### **Genesis Continued: The Family of God**

Picking up where we left off in our fall study, we continue to make our way through this foundational biblical text. Tracing the tree of the founding family of our faith—filled with scoundrels, saints, and everything in between—we will ask where we find ourselves in these stories and what it means to be a part of God's family. We meet in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Today: Jacob and Esau, Leah and Rachel  
March 23: Joseph and His Brothers

## **Lunch & Learn with Hunter Evans**

Tuesday, March 25  
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall  
Cost: \$10.00

Hunter is the Executive Chef at Elvie's and The Mayflower Cafe, and he will be speaking about hospitality and the restaurant industry.

Please RSVP by March 21 to  
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703

## **———— 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**

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Stewpot: Saturday, April 5  
No Youth Group: Sunday, April 20  
Senior Recognition: Sunday, May 4  
End of Year Party: Sunday, May 4  
Youth Passport Camp: June 21-27

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- March 16: Firecrackers—Ceejaye & Mitch Peters  
Sparklers—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
- March 23: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard  
Firecrackers—Sheri & Clint Moody  
Sparklers—Sophia & Rachel Royston
- March 30: Firecrackers—Neely & Michael McGinnis  
Sparklers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams

**Children's Birthday Gathering**

Thursday, March 20, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

**Parents' Night Out**

Friday, March 28, 6:00—10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant—sixth grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, March 26. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper. We will also have Parents' Night Out on May 9.

## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, March 16**

- 3:30 p.m. Education Leadership Nominating,  
Cmte., L/CR
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, March 17**

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

### **Tuesday, March 18**

- 4:00 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR
- 6:30 p.m. Ramadan Dinner, GH

### **Wednesday, March 19**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 4:30 p.m. Bible Camp Meeting, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 20**

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR

### **Friday, March 21**

- 11:00 a.m. Spann Organ Demo

### **Sunday, March 23**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Joe Rankin.

The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinators for March are Faye Barham and  
Kathryn Davis.

The Caregiver of the Week is Guy Parker, III.

The Liturgist for March is Joe Rankin.

The flowers for March are provided by Lawana McLennan,

Lesley Mosby, Geri Smith, Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.

The Usher Captain for March is Nancy Smith.

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
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
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

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