

## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Cheap grace is preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession.

Cheap grace is  
grace without discipleship,  
grace without the cross,  
grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
March 23, 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

We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Prelude      “My Heart Abounds with Pleasure”      Brahms

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

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beautiful 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      Emme Allen

\*The Processional Hymn No. 16      *DUKE STREET*  
“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

\*The Litany of Praise      Cade Montague

Leader:      The Lord be with you.

**People:      And also with you.**

Leader:      Grant us, O Lord, strength to have true love for your  
Holy Name.

**People:      Lord, we trust your grace.**

Leader:      Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. 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

Cade Montague

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

God does not love us if we change;  
God loves us so that we can change.

—Richard Rohr

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. 692

*ST. CATHERINE*

“Faith of Our Fathers”

\*The Offertory Prayer Cade Montague

The Offertory “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Wood

\*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. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 13:1-9 Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem “I See His Blood Upon the Rose” Roberton

I see his blood upon the rose,  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes;  
His body gleams amid eternal snows;  
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in ev’ry flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice, and, carven by his power,  
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with ev’ry thorn,  
His cross is ev’ry tree.

The Sermon “So Much Manure” 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

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to  
God's love, and the future to God's providence.

—Saint Augustine of Hippo

- \*The Recessional Hymn No. 451 ARISE  
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
- \*The Benediction Scott Dickison
- \*The Postlude "See the Lord of Life and Light" Bach
- \*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 55:1-9, page 598

Psalm 63:1-8, page 458

Luke 13:1-9, page 848

### Worship Notes

Today's anthem, "I See His Blood Upon the Rose," calls for us to relate what we see in creation to the overall design of God's ultimate plan. In the rose, Plunkett saw the intensity of God's care in created beauty. This care is supremely manifested in the shedding of Christ's blood. As you listen to the anthem, see if you can connect what is being sung to the Incarnation. In Colossians 1:16, Paul relates that "all things were created through him and for him."

**Today is the third 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.

**Congregational Meeting**

Today, 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**

Northminster is saddened by the death of Tom Starling, a member of  Northminster since 1976. Christian sympathy is extended to Rebecca Starling, Amy and Matthew Rampy; Justin and Megan Starling; Michael and Rebecca Starling, and all of Tom’s family and friends.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Linda McGehee	Sue Edwards	
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 27: Mike Peters  
April 3: Mitch Peters  
April 10: Joe Sims

## **Meals on Wheels**

Monday, March 24

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Gail England	Becky & Tim Frame; Gayla Purvis
Ann Calhoon	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Kelly Hicks	Pat & Mike Beall

## ———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

### **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: Joseph and His Brothers

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

Tuesday, March 25  
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: Mayflower salad, crawfish tetrazzini,  
squash, collard greens, a roll and bread pudding

Reservations are closed.

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, March 26

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: chicken spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and dessert

Servers: Amy Moremen, Dawn Perkins, Cindy & George Reed

Cashier: George Luter

## **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 29

Reservations close today.

Saturday, April 12

Deadline to register is April 4.

If you'd like to sign up to participate, please email or call the church office or fill out the google form here:

<https://forms.gle/zhhTFx7U7yfNm7fS8>

## ***We Need to Talk***

A new play by John Maxwell

Join us on Sunday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m. for a dramatic reading of a new play by noted playwright and actor John Maxwell.

*We Need To Talk* explores the story of Abraham and Sarah from the book of Genesis, lifting up the mystery of call, the risks of following, and the complexities of human and divine relationships. The reading will last roughly two hours, with a short intermission. There will be a brief Q and A with John and the actors following.

## **Liturgy of the Light**

Sunday, April 27, 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which is centered on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. A reception in the courtyard follows the service.

## **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.

## ———— **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

### **Passport**

The youth group will travel to Passport Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC, June 21-27. Rising seventh graders can attend either PassportKids or Passport Youth. The packet of information has been posted on the youth Group Me. If you need it sent directly to you, please reach out to Dabbs. The cost of \$450 is due by May 8. To sign up, please pay the \$100 deposit and fill out the information sheet by April 10. The deposit can be paid online or in the church office. Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Scott Dickison.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- 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
- April 6: Firecrackers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey  
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long

**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.

**Guys vs. Girls Game Day**

Sunday, April 6, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Please contact [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

**PassportKids! Camp Registration**

Children who have completed third through sixth grades are invited to Passport Camp! We will be going to Berea College in Berea, KY June 16-20.

If your child would like to attend, please contact [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org), or 601-982-4703.  
Deadline to register is April 1.

## THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

### **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
- 11:45 a.m. Safety Committee, NCC
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH
- 6:30 p.m. Wider Net Cmte., L/CR

### **Monday, March 24**

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

### **Tuesday, March 25**

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn, GH

### **Wednesday, March 26**

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

### **Friday, March 28**

- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

### **Sunday, March 30**

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:00 p.m. *We Need to Talk* by John Maxwell, GH

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

The Deacon of the Week is Elizabeth Quinn.  
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 Susan Pratt.  
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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