



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lord, come away;
Why dost Thou stay?
Thy road is ready and Thy paths
made straight
With longing expectation wait
The consecration of Thy beauteous feet.
Ride on triumphantly: behold! we lay
Our lusts and proud wills in Thy way.
Hosannah! welcome to our hearts:
Lord, here
Thou hast a temple too, and full as dear
As that of Sion; and as full of sin –
Nothing but thieves and robbers
dwell therein;
Enter, and chase them forth,
and cleanse the floor,
Crucify them, that they may never more
Profane that holy place
Where Thou hast chose to set Thy face.
And then if our still tongues shall be
Mute in the praises of Thy deity,
The stones out of the temple wall
Shall cry aloud and call
Hosannah! and Thy glorious footsteps greet.

—Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

April 13, 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

The question for us is not whether praise will happen, but whether we will join the chorus already rising from the core of the earth itself.

—Jasmin Pittman, “When We Cannot Praise,
The Rest of Creation Carries the Song”

The Prelude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Pethel

Call to Worship “Enter the Holy Gates” Saint-Saens

Enter the holy gates with adoration;
Bring the Lord an offering in the holy place.

Let heav'n rejoice, and let earth ring out praises.
Let all exult at the face of the Lord, for he comes, Alleluia!

The Procession of the Lenten Banner Billy Dickison

*The Processional Hymn No. 203 *ELLACOMBE*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*The Litany of Praise Bennett Stribling

Leader: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the
Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest
heaven!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Our palms raised high and our cloaks spread low, we
shed our inhibitions in hope of victory.

People: Hosanna! Save us now!

Leader: Our Lenten journey explores profound paradoxes -- king and servant; triumphal entry and crucifixion; death and life.

People: The stone that the builder rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

People: And even in the silence, the stones will cry out --

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

*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

Bennett Stribling

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The truth is, I want and I want and I *want*, so much more than I praise and I praise and I praise. I know that I'm supposed to love the God-on-a-colt who overturns all my expectations of what divinity should look like and act like. In theory, I do love [God]. But in practice, I daily pass [God] over, train my eyes on the horizon, and hold out hope for the emperor.

In the end, my solace is this: it's not that I hold paradox, it's that paradox holds me. I am held and braced by a God who is too big for thin, one-dimensional truths — even my own, most cherished, one-dimensional truths. I am held by a God who sticks with me even when I won't stick with [God]. A God who accepts my worship even when it is mingy, half-baked, and selfish.

—Debie Thomas, “My Broken Hosanna”

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. 212

WONDROUS LOVE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*The Offertory Prayer

Bennett Stribling

The Offertory

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Bach

*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 19:28-40

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love, so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

The Sermon

“What Must Be Said”

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

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are a symphony, full of staccato celebration and legato mourning. We cheer, we cry. We celebrate, we abstain. We experience the fullness of life, death, and hope everlasting. We are Easter people, but we have the whole of the story in our bones. And every time we read it, we feel it more and deeper: the pain, the joy, and the glorious hope.

—Melanie Rainer, “Palm Sunday”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 224

HENDON

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Fugue on the Kyrie”

Couperin

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, pages 492-493

Philippians 2:5-11, page 954

Luke 19:28-40, page 854

Today is Palm/Passion Sunday, the day commemorating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday stands at the beginning of Holy Week, the seven-day period preceding Easter which recalls the Passion of Jesus. Today is also the final Sunday in the season of Lent. 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.

———— 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 Wilson, Jennifer, Roger, Bennett and Celia Stribling on the death of Wilson's mother, Barbara Stribling Davis.

Christian sympathy is extended to Frank and Lynn Fillingham on the death of Lynn's son, Charles Webster Allen.

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

April 17:	Charles O'Mara
April 24:	TBA
May 1:	Bryan Bridges
May 8:	Skipper Jernigan
May 15:	Holly Wiggs

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, April 16

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Jan Stewart	Susan & Charles O'Mara
Amy Moremen	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Kathryn Davis	Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today
5:30 o'clock in the evening

REQUIEM

FOR THE LIVING

Full Orchestra Version

DAN FORREST

Presented by
The Northminster Baptist Church Choir

Holy Week at Northminster

Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18

Holy Week Meditation: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Chapel

Maundy Thursday Service: 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae: 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

April 20, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Church-Wide Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall

(during the Sunday School hour)

Servers: Hilda Boteler,
Amy Moremen, Dawn Perkins,
Susan Phillips, Judy & Joe Rankin

Liturgy of the Light

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

Everyone is invited to attend this worship service which centers on the Christ candle, celebrates Eastertide, and is led by our children. A reception in the courtyard follows the service. This service will conclude Adult Studies offerings for the spring.

Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Wednesday, April 23

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt near the gazebo at the north end of the campus.

Preschool and elementary aged children can bring their baskets and hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

Servers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague, Dawn Perkins,
Judy & Joe Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

———— 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

No Youth Group: Sunday, April 20

Senior Recognition: Sunday, May 4

End of Year Party: Sunday, May 4

Welcome Geoff!

We will have a cookout at the youth house Sunday, May 18 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. to welcome Geoff and his wife Elizabeth. More information to come.

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 deadline has passed to sign up, but there are still spots available. The cost of \$450 is due by May 8. 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

- April 13: Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
Sparklers—Natalie & Cy Parks
- April 20: 8:00 a.m. Service:
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Judy Gregory
- April 20: 10:30 a.m. Service:
Firecrackers—Sandra & Rob Triplett
Sparklers—Judy Gregory
- April 27: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen &
Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Amy & Matt Thames
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

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, or 601-982-4703.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Thursday, May 8, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 9, 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, May 7. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, April 13

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Requiem, Sanctuary

Monday, April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR

Tuesday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte., GH

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:45 p.m. Safety Cmte., GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, GH
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Wilson Stribling.
The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Dolly Goings.
The Liturgist for April is Holly Wiggs.
The flowers for April are provided by Jill Buckley, Lisa Kelly
and Geri Smith.
The Usher Captain for April 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
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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