

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Deep within your soul
there is a knowing place —
a sanctuary where gifts are nurtured.
Enter that sacred space.
Spend time there tending your gifts.
There in the chapel of your heart
you will become a gift to be given.

—Macrina Wiederkehr
The Song of the Seed

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

Leader: We come before the presence of our Lord in search of beauty in our world.

People: Open our minds that we may see what is good.

Leader: We gather in this time and place in search of guidance from the Spirit.

People: Open our ears that we may hear the still, small voice.

Leader: We prepare our hearts for the journey from loss to celebration.

People: Open our hearts that we may love.

All: In the name of the God of all creation — our God who redeems us and sustains us — 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

Marty Kelly

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lesson

Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:16-21

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

When we put off until tomorrow our response to your call, forgive us, O God. When our good intentions are not followed by good actions, have patience with us, O God. When we harden our hearts, making all kinds of excuses why we should not serve you, O God, have mercy. Today when we hear your voice, may we rise up to hear and obey, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*

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 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. 768

DOVE OF PEACE

“I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer

Marty Kelly

The Offertory

“Were You There?”

Callahan

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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

John 12:1-8

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“In Remembrance”

Redd

Jorge Diez, *clarinet*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your brother in.

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

To sacrifice something is to make it holy
by giving it away for love.

—Frederick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 60

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 43:16-21, page 586

Psalms 126, page 499

John 12:1-8, pages 874-875

Today is the fifth 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 flowers in the narthex are given in honor of Mrs. Dolores Taylor's 95th birthday from her loving family.

———— 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 Pauline Cochran, a member of Northminster since 1984. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Pauline's family and friends.

Christian sympathy is extended to Wilson, Jennifer, Roger, Bennett and Celia Stribling on the death of Wilson's mother, Barbara Stribling Davis.

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

Meals on Wheels

Monday, April 7

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Amanda Milam	Jean & Kelley Williams
Peggy Brady	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Rebecca Starling	Cathy & Jeff Davis

Wednesday, April 16

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Jan Stewart	Suzan & Tommy Thames
Amy Moremen	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Kathryn Davis	Beverly Raddin & Taylor Pedigo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supper + Vespers

5:00 p.m. Supper and 5:45 p.m. Vespers
Tonight

Join us for an intergenerational meal at 5:00. At 5:45 the children and youth will go to their regular Sunday evening activities, while the adults will move to the Sanctuary for a service of evening prayer. This service will have simple liturgy, music, and the reverential worship that is a hallmark of Northminster.

Palm Cross Making and the Palm Sunday Processional

On April 9 at 9:00 a.m., anyone who would like to help make Palm Crosses is invited to join the Flower Committee in the Great Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors. No previous experience required.

On April 13, children are invited to participate in waving palms for the processional at the 10:30 worship service. Please meet in the children's area by 10:15 to line up.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out the information form inside the bulletin and drop off at the church office or e-mail neely@northminsterbaptist.org. The names will be listed in the order of worship on Easter Sunday, April 20. The cost per lily is \$10. **Please submit all names by Monday, April 7.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, April 9

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Beth Hood,

Amy Moremen and Gayla Purvis

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, April 12

If you'd like to sign up to participate, please contact Lesley today at 601-927-0259.

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
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

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 in the Great Hall followed by games, fellowship and a lesson in the Youth House.

Upcoming Dates

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 ————

Guys vs. Girls Game Day

Today, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Tonight at 5:45 p.m.

Meet in the Great Hall at 5:00 for supper first!

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

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| April 6: | Firecrackers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey
Sparklers—TBA |
| April 13: | Firecrackers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
Sparklers—Blair & Ryder Taff |
| 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 |
| May 4: | Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor |

Children's Birthday Gathering

Thursday, April 10, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

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.

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 6

- 9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, Room 204
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 3:30 p.m. Guys vs. Girls Game Day
- 5:00 p.m. Supper, GH
- 5:45 p.m. Vespers, Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:45 p.m. Youth, YH

Monday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 9:00 a.m. Palm Cross making, GH
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Saturday, April 12

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 13

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Requiem, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.
The Caregiving Chair for April is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Nena Carmody.
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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