



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Now is the time of celebration;
This is the day of jubilee!
Let us weave our myriad voices
In a holy tapestry.

Honor we the sacred memory
Of the saints who've gone before,
Laud the gifts of those around us,
Spirit on us richly poured!

Pilgrims on a great adventure
More than wanderers are we;
Fellow strugglers on a journey,
Seeking truth and liberty.

Praise to God who brought us forward,
Praise to God who makes us free.
Praise to God who now indwells us,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

—Randy Weeks, “Now Is the Time of Celebration”
written on the occasion of Northminster’s 25th Anniversary

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

*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

Graham Eklund

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

The Lessons

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset us. Let us rest ourselves in the love of God and cast our cares upon the grace of God.

—John A. Thomason and Charles E. Poole, adapted

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

Graham Eklund

our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread—Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, and return to the pews by an outside aisle. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. A gluten-free option is available at the communion table.

The Cup—Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Once all have been served, we will drink the cup together.

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

May God take our minds and think through them.
May God take our lips and speak through them.
May God take our hands and work through them.
May God take our hearts and set them on fire.

—Roger Paynter, adapted

Northminster Jubilee

Birtherd with hearts and doors wide open;
Called to love, serve, think and pray.
Birtherd with distinctive witness,
Which we still embrace today.
Birtherd by Baptists of hope and courage,
Now we come to jubilee.
Still who we were the day we were founded,
Still becoming what yet we'll be.

In the synagogue and schoolroom,
Found we our first resting place.
Then to windowed walls on Ridgewood;
Hour of worship, hope and grace.
To this space each week we gather,
From this place we leave to live;
List'ning for the voice of Jesus,
Calling us to care and give.

On the shoulders of our founders,
Sons and daughters, gladly we
Keep alive their dream and vision;
They the seed, now we the tree.
Never finished, ever reaching,
For a deeper, wider way,
To embody the spirit's leading;
Step by step, and day by day.

Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter;
Round and round the years roll on.
Generation to generation,
Finding here our spiritual home.
Let the bells dance from the tower,
Choir and organ, voices raise.
Children, teens, adults and elders,
To our God we lift glad praise.

—Charles Poole, on the occasion of
Northminster's 50th Anniversary

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“At the Lamb's High Feast”

Grams

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), page 893

Psalm 30, page 439

John 21:1-19, pages 882-883

Today is the Third Sunday of Eastertide. Our Easter banner, overlapping the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons—Lent and Easter—but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

Today, the church is dressed in red, the liturgical color for celebrations, on the occasion of Northminster's 58th Anniversary.

The red paraments were a gift from Beth Israel in May of 1975.

———— 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 Linda McGehee, a member of Northminster since 1978. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Linda's family and friends.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Carolyn Aden

Virginia Hamilton

Sue Edwards

Carla Holt

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

May 8:	Skipper Jernigan
May 15:	Holly Wiggs
May 22:	Scott Wilson
May 29:	TBA

Meals on Wheels

Monday, May 5

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Peggy Brady	Julie & Dudley Wooley
Lisa Cobb	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Polly Bourne	Marianna Field & Janet Holt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us as we celebrate the
58th Anniversary of Northminster Baptist Church**

Anniversary Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Cade Montague, Amy Moremen,
Gayla Purvis and Judy & Joe Rankin

Attention Graduates

(or parents of graduates)

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or neely@northminsterbaptist.org with degree and school information.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Youth End-of-Year Party

Home of Leah & Tal Hendrix

Today, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Come join us for burgers, crawfish, swimming & fun. Wear your swimsuit & bring a towel.

Welcome Geoff!

We will have a cookout at the Youth House on 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

will meet for the final time this year today at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- May 4: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor
- May 11: Firecrackers—Olivia & Keith Studdard
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
- May 18: Chapel Coordinators—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn
Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson

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, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, May 7. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

Under Construction!

Children's Bible Camp
July 11—13

Register Here: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/CCLT8M427EAZT1PRA](https://forms.gle/CCLT8M427EAZT1PRA)

Contact Sandra Triplett at sandratriplett23@gmail.com
or 601-278-3817 with questions.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, May 4

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion/
Senior Recognition
- 11:30 a.m. Senior Recognition Luncheon, GH
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth End-of-Year Party, Away

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

- 5:30 p.m. Building Maintenance Supervision
Cmte., L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte., GH
- 6:30 p.m. Safety Cmte., GH

Wednesday, May 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR
- 2:00 p.m. Chaminade Organ Recital
- 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Potluck Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

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

Friday, May 9

- 5:30 p.m. Ellie Wells & Cole Collins Wedding
Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 10

- 6:30 p.m. Ellie Wells & Cole Collins Wedding

Sunday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Bill Thompson.
The Caregiving Chair for May is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinators for May are Jean Welsh and
Susie Friou.
The Caregiver of the Week is Elizabeth Boone.
The Liturgist for May is Amy Williams.
The flowers for May are provided by Lesley Mosby,
Kathryn Sams, Kathryn Davis and Kandy Sims.
The Usher Captain for May is Dawn Warrington.

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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