



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Pascal uses a nice term to describe the notion of the Creator's, once having called forth the universe, turning his back to it: *Deus Absconditus*. Is this what we think happened? ... It could be that God has not absconded but spread, as our vision and understanding of the universe have spread, to a fabric of spirit and sense so grand and subtle, so powerful in a new way, that we can only feel blindly of its hem.

—Annie Dillard
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 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

It's like singing on a boat during a terrible storm at sea. You can't stop the raging storm, but singing can change the hearts and spirits of the people who are together on that ship.

—Anne Lamott
Bird by Bird

The Prelude “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” Page

The Call to Worship “All Glory to Our Lord and God” Hopson

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore for ever and forevermore.

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 *NICAEA*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*The Litany of Praise Marlow Ratcliff

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God established the heavens and made firm the skies above.

People: God marked out the foundations of the earth and assigned the sea its limit.

Leader: What are we humans that God is mindful of us?

**All: Yet God has crowned us with glory and honor.
Thanks be to God!**

—adapted from Psalm 8 and Proverbs 8

*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

Marlow Ratcliff

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Betsy Beard

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Betsy, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8

Lesley Ratcliff

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Your grief and mine
Must intertwine
Like sea and river,
Be fused and mingle,
Diverse yet single,
Forever and forever.

—from Countee Cullen’s
“Any Human to Another”

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

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. 48

SLANE

“God of Creation, All-Powerful”

*The Offertory Prayer

Marlow Ratcliff

The Offertory

“O Thou of God the Father”

Bach

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 16:12-15

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers—
The moon and stars suspended in space—
What is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,

And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Sermon

“On the Trinity”

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

... don't expect any understanding; but believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance, and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it.

—Rainer Maria Rilke
Letters to a Young Poet

*The Recessional Hymn No. 311

ODE TO JOY

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

Weber

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, page 515

Psalm 8, page 427

John 16:12-15, page 879

Today is Trinity Sunday in the Christian year. Trinity Sunday affirms the church's belief in a triune God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing God's purity and perfection.

————— 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 Patricia Pace, a member of Northminster since 2016. Christian sympathy is extended to all of Patricia's family and friends.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jennifer, Wilson, Roger, Bennett and Celia Stribling on the death of Jennifer's father, Robert Sentilles.

Christian sympathy is extended to Salena Fortenberry on the death of her husband, Bill Fortenberry.

Bessie Speed is at home with hospice care.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Carolyn Aden

Carla Holt

Sue Edwards

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.

The church office will be closed Thursday, June 19. For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

June 19:

Dudley Wooley

June 26:

Bo Allen

July 3:

Jeff Wilson

July 10:

Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, June 18

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Sara Hays	Laine & Bob Hardin
Missy Caver	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Kathy Burkhalter	Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

Monday, June 23

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Kelly Hicks	Jean & Kelly Williams
Gail England	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Ann Calhoon	Cathy & Jeff Davis

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

HALF TRUTHS

A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at noon

Lunch: \$10

“Everything happens for a reason.” “God helps those who help themselves.” We have all heard these familiar sayings, and perhaps even leaned upon them in times of crisis or confusion. While these bits of wisdom and others like them can provide comfort amid difficulty, do they share the full wisdom of scripture and care of our God? Using noted pastor and theologian Adam Hamilton’s book *Half Truths* as an outline, we’ll gather on Tuesdays this summer in the Great Hall over a light lunch to explore these sayings to find the truths within and beyond them.

Half Truths Schedule

June 17: God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle
June 24: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves (led by Jill Buckley)
July 1: *Break for Independence Day*
July 8: *Break for Independence Day*
July 15: God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It
July 22: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin
July 29: Beyond Platitudes, Clichés, and Half Truths

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 29
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Approval of 2025-2026 Educational Leadership

————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

TopGolf!: Tuesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m.

Bible Camp (Youth Volunteers): July 11-13

Second Sunday Kickback: July 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Swim Night: Thursday, July 24

Stewpot: Saturday, August 2

Cookout at the Dickisons': Sunday, August 3

More information to follow.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- June 15: Firecrackers—Camille & Drew Snyder
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff
- June 22: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
Firecrackers—TBA
Sparklers—Amy & Jacob Moremen
- June 29: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance
Sparklers—Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell

Summer Sunday School

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Meet us in room 106 where we'll divide into groups for stories, games, bible skills and crafts.

We hope your children will join us!

Under Construction!

Children's Bible Camp

July 11-13

Register here:



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

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, July 29, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, June 15

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

Monday, June 16

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

6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, virtual

Tuesday, June 17

12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH

3:00 p.m. TopGolf!, away

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR

8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 19

The church office is closed.

Sunday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baby Dedication

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Wilson Stribling.
The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Suzanne Boone.
The Caregiver of the Week is Carolyn McIntyre.
The Liturgist for June is Marty Kelly.
The flowers for June are provided by Lesley Mosby,
Jane Claire Williams, Lawana McLennan, Kandy Sims
and Kathryn Sams.
The Usher Captain for June is Matt Kelly.

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 Students	Geoff Davidson
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
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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