

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

At the time of Lewis and Clark, setting the prairies on fire was a well-known signal that meant, ‘Come down to the water.’ It was an extravagant gesture, but we can’t do less. If the landscape reveals one certainty, it is that the extravagant gesture is the very stuff of creation. After the extravagant gesture of creation in the first place, the universe has continued to deal exclusively in extravagances, flinging intricacies and colossi down aeons of emptiness, heaping profusions on profligacies with ever fresh vigor. The whole show has been on fire from the word go. I come down to the water to cool my eyes. But everywhere I look, I see fire: that which isn’t flint is tinder, and the whole world sparks and flames.

—Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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 smouldering embers smile—
Soft stirs the news of Light
The stolid seconds glow
One requisite has Fire that lasts
Prometheus never knew—

—Emily Dickinson

The Prelude “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire” Bedard

The Call to Worship “The Spirit Dwells Among Us” Hopson

The Spirit dwells among us. Alleluia!
Come and worship the Lord. Alleluia!

*The Procession of the Pentecost Banner Grayton Thames

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 *ELLACOMBE*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*The Litany of Praise Eddie Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: May God take our minds and think through them.

People: May God take our lips and speak through them.

Leader: May God take our hands and work through them.

**All: May God take our hearts and set them on fire.
Amen.**

—Roger Paynter’s benediction, adapted

*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

Eddie Mahaffey

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Dudley Stancill

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Dudley, 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

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Acts 2:1-21
Genesis 11:1-9

Marty Harper

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

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Come, Holy Ghost, all-quickeniing fire,
Come, and in my delight to rest;
Drawn by the lure of strong desire,
O come and consecrate my breast;
The temple of my soul prepare,
And fix thy sacred presence there.

—Charles Wesley

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Geoff Davidson

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. 295

TRENTHAM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*The Offertory Prayer

Eddie Mahaffey

The Offertory “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

Buxtehude

*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 14:8-17

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me”

Scott

Daniel Kim, *conductor*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and
shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

The Sermon

“Holy Intervention”

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

It ever was, and is, and shall be, ever-living Fire, in
measures being kindled and in measures going out.

—Heraclitus

*The Recessional Hymn No. 298

ST. AGNES

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost”

Grams

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Acts 2:1-21, page 885

Genesis 11:1-9, page 8

John 14:8-17, page 877

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost first appears as the “Festival of Weeks” in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest, and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost; the white swirl of wind and wonder riding the wings of a dove descending into the flames of Pentecost fire, coming to rest on a dozen triangles; twelve disciples; the whole family of God, lit up by the fire of the Spirit and caught up in the wind of the Spirit.



The Pentecost Banner, commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us in and show us the way.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Silas McCharen.

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 Rick Bass, a member of  Northminster since 1967. Christian sympathy is extended to Lesa Bass, and all of Rick’s family and friends.

Christian sympathy is extended to Christine, Blaine and Gray Bridges on the death of Christine’s mother, Shirley Riddle.

Christian sympathy is extended to Ramsey, Brian, Ann Arrington, Carter and Cruise Long on the death of Ramsey’s brother, Douglas Cruise.

Christian sympathy is extended to Amy and Arty Finkelberg on the death of Amy’s mother, Carolyn Joyner.

Christian sympathy is extended to Cathy and Jeff Davis and Cathy’s daughters, Emily and Natalie, on the death of Cathy’s mother, Rebecca Pilgreen.

Christian sympathy is extended to Patricia Pace on the death of her mother, Carolyn Pace.

Bessie Speed is hospitalized at Baptist.

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.

Pastoral Care Number

To alert the ministers of a pastoral care need,
please call 601-980-1002.

Brumfield House

June 12: Jeff Wilson

June 19: Dudley Wooley

June 26: Bo Allen

July 3: Jeff Wilson

July 10: Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, June 18

Cooks:

Sara Hays

Missy Caver

Judy Rankin

Rt. 1 Drivers:

Laine & Bob Hardin

Rt. 2 Drivers:

Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

Monday, June 23

Cooks:

Kelly Hicks

Gail England

Ann Calhoon

Rt. 1 Drivers:

Jean & Kelly Williams

Rt. 2 Drivers:

Cathy & Jeff Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALF TRUTHS

A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at noon, beginning June 10

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. A limited number of books will be available for purchase in the office for \$10.

Half Truths Schedule

June 10: Everything Happens for a Reason

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

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

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

TopGolf!: Tuesday, June 17th, 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 8: Firecrackers—Natalie & Cy Parks
 Sparklers—Jennifer & Drew Rymer
- June 15: Firecrackers—Camille & Drew Snyder
 Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Brock Ratcliff
- June 22: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
 Firecrackers—TBA
 Sparklers—Amy & Jacob Moremen

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 8

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

5:00 p.m. Youth 2nd Sunday Kickback, YH

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

5:00 p.m. Deacon Nominating Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, June 11

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 15

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Blakely Fender.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Suzanne Boone.

The Caregivers of the Week are Rebecca Starling and
Amy Williams.

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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