



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Pray as if everything depended on God.
Work as if everything depended on you.

—Saint Augustine

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

Mary Laurel Boykin

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God can take all of your questions. God can take all of your tears. God can take all of your joy. Most importantly, you never have to be ashamed of who you are. Yes, you will make mistakes, but who you are is a beloved child of God.

—Reverend Jes Kast

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. 622

CONVERSE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*The Offertory Prayer

Mary Laurel Boykin

The Offertory

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Childs

*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

Luke 11:1-13

Scott Dickison

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

The Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”

Trenney/Coker

Cheryl Coker, *soprano*
Vince Massimino, *violin*

In the morning' when I rise, give me Jesus.
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry: Jesus!
O when I come to die, I heard my mother say,
“Give me Jesus.”

The Sermon

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

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.

Praying
by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Prayer
by Marie Howe

Every day I want to speak with you. And every day something more
important
calls for my attention – the drugstore, the beauty products, the luggage

I need to buy for the trip.
Even now I can hardly sit here

among the falling piles of paper and clothing, the garbage trucks outside
already screeching and banging.

The mystics say you are as close as my own breath.
Why do I flee from you?

My days and nights pour through me like complaints
and become a story I forgot to tell.

Help me. Even as I write these words I am planning
to rise from the chair as soon as I finish this sentence.

————— 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 Dave Peterson on the death of his mother, Anne Peterson.

Christian sympathy is extended to Holly, Mart, Connor and Sam McMullan and William Seymour on the death of Holly's mother, Sherrill Dale.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jacob, Amy, Evie and Aiden Moremen on the death of Jacob's brother, Jeremy Moremen.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer
Carla Holt

Libby McGee
Sue Edwards

Carolyn Aden
Virginia Hamilton

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

July 31:	Kirk Sims
August 7:	Skipper Jernigan
August 14:	Mitch Peters
August 21:	Wilson Stribling
August 28:	Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Monday, July 28

Cooks:

Jean Welsh
Cathy Davis

Rt. 1 Drivers:

Julie & Dudley Wooley

Rt. 2 Drivers:

Marianna Field & Janet Holt

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

HALF TRUTHS

Beyond Platitudes, Clichés, and Half Truths

Tuesday, July 29 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 have been gathering on Tuesdays this summer in the Great Hall over a light lunch to explore these sayings to find the truths within and beyond them.

Summer Sunday School Soiree

August 3 at 9:15 a.m.

All adults are invited to meet in the Great Hall during the Sunday School hour for a light breakfast, fellowship and a panel discussion.

On August 3, the panel will discuss the current shape of Northminster’s Adult Sunday School classes, as well as the various topics and areas of interest available to Sunday School participants.

Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship for all ages!

Special Gifts Committee Announcement

The Special Gifts Committee acknowledges the generous donations of art on the recommendation of the Art Jury Committee.

Earlier this year, the Special Gifts Committee received several pieces of art from Northminster members for display around the church. An ad hoc committee was formed to develop a process for assessing these pieces and to recommend their acceptance and placement.

“Christ the Comforter” sculpture by Tracy H. Sugg, given by Mary Elizabeth Smith, can be viewed on the table near the back entrance of the church; “Northminster Mandala” by Mary Margaret Hickman, given by Geri and Preston Smith, “Easters” by Elizabeth Smith Chapin, also given by Mary Elizabeth Smith, and “In the Clouds” first print of Northminster by Wyatt Watters, given by an anonymous donor, can be viewed hanging in the Adult Educational Building.

May these works of art serve as inspiration and encourage reflection for all members and friends of the congregation.

Different. Distinctive. Daring: After Christendom, Toward Beloved Community

September 6-7

Save the date for our Lecture Series featuring Corey D. B. Walker, Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Rev. Dr. Walker will join us for a public conversation and dinner on Saturday evening, will preach in our worship service on Sunday morning and will present a lecture over lunch on Sunday immediately following worship.

More details to follow.

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, August 2: Stewpot

Sunday, August 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Cookout at the Dickisons'

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

July 27:	Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame Firecrackers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
August 3:	Firecrackers—Ramsey & Bryan Long Sparklers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

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!

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, July 27

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

Monday, July 28

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:30 p.m. Missions Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, July 29

- 12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH
- 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, July 30

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

Saturday, August 2

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, August 3

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School Soiree, GH
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Cookout at the Dickisons'

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Geri Smith.
The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Sarah Love.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Julianne Summerford.
The Liturgist for today is Elizabeth Quinn.
The Liturgists for July are Amy Williams, Marty Kelly
and Elizabeth Quinn.
The Liturgists for August are Pam Steadman and Jeanne Cook.
The flowers for July are provided by Kandy Sims,
Jennifer Stribling, Jill Buckley and Lisa Kelly.
The flowers for August are provided by Lesley Mosby,
Kandy Sims, Lawana McLennan and Kathryn Davis.
The Usher Captain for July is Nancy Smith.
The Usher Captain for August 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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