



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isaiah 55:8-9

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 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

To pray is to listen, to move through my own chattering to God, to get beyond those words to that place where I can be silent and then listen to what God may have to say.

—Madeleine L'Engle

The Prelude

“Aria”

Franck

The Spoken Call to Worship

*The Processional Hymn No. 77

LOBE DEN HERREN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Litany of Praise

Rob Triplett

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, all you faithful; praise the Holy name of the Lord.

People: For the Lord lifts us out of the depths, brings us up from the realm of death.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, all you faithful; praise the Holy name of the Lord.

People: For the Lord's anger lasts for only a moment, but the Lord's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may stay for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Leader: The Lord turns our wailing into dancing, removes our sackcloth, and clothes us with joy!

All: We cannot be silent! We will praise the Lord our God forever!

—Psalm 30, 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

Rob Triplett

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

II Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Dear God,
I so much want to be in control.
I want to be the master of my own destiny.
Still I know that you are saying:
"Let me take you by the hand and lead you.
Accept my love and trust that where I will bring you,
the deepest desires of your heart will be fulfilled."
Lord, open my hands to receive your gift of love. Amen.

—Henri Nouwen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Marty Harper

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

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

Rob Triplett

The Offertory “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

Burkhardt

*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 10:1-11, 16-20

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trenney

Shirley Foster, *soprano*
Vince Massimino, *violin*

The Sermon

“Healers without Borders”

Geoff Davidson

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous
to be understood...

...Let me keep my distance, always, from those
who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say
“Look!” and laugh in astonishment,
and bow their heads.

—Mary Oliver
from “Mysteries, Yes”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 112

ST. AGNES

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*The Benediction

Geoff Davidson

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

II Kings 5:1-14, page 293

Psalm 30, page 439

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, page 844

Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

————— 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.

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

July 10:	Joe Sims
July 17:	Charles O'Mara
July 24:	Scott Wilson
July 31:	Kirk Sims

Meals on Wheels

Monday, July 7

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Rebecca Starling	Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Amanda Milam	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Cathy Davis	Keith Davis & Steve Bass

Wednesday, July 16

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Faye Barham	Amy Finkelberg & Nancy Smith
Elizabeth Quinn	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Judy Rankin	Monica Daniels & Carol Taff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Hands on Deck JPS Beautification Day

Join the Adopt-a-School Committee at Spann Elementary School on Friday, July 18 for a work day to prepare for the new school year. The work day is scheduled from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and you are welcome to join us for any part of that time. Hope to see you there!

Summer Sunday School Soiree

July 27 & 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 July 27th, the panel will discuss the spiritual and community impact of Sunday School on their lives from childhood to the present day; and on August 3rd, 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.

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, preach in our worship service on Sunday morning and present a lecture over lunch on Sunday immediately following worship.

More details to follow.

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

July 8:	<i>Break for Independence Day</i>
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

Friday-Sunday, July 11-13: Bible Camp (Youth Volunteers)

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

Thursday, July 24: Swim Night

Saturday, August 2: Stewpot

Sunday, August 3: Cookout at the Dickisons'

More information to follow.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- July 6: Firecrackers—Ceejaye & Mitch Peters
 Sparklers—Sheri & Clint Moody
- July 13: Bible Camp
- July 20: Chapel Coordinator—Lesley Ratcliff
 Firecrackers—Sophia & Rachel Royston
 Sparklers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
- July 27: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
 Firecrackers—Jane Claire & Nason Williams
 Sparklers—Dabbs & Jeffery Massey

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.

K2 Retreat

Friday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Children who have completed Kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend the K2 retreat in the Youth House! If your child would like to attend, please contact lesley@northminsterbaptist.org, or 601-982-4703.

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 6

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, July 7

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, July 9

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

Friday, July 11

5:30 p.m. Bible Camp

Saturday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Bible Camp

Sunday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Bible Camp

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Second Sunday Kickback, YH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mike Peters.
The Caregiving Chair for July is Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Sarah Love.
The Caregiver of the Week is Amanda Milam.
The Liturgist for today is Amy Williams.
The Liturgists for July are Amy Williams, Marty Kelly and Elizabeth Quinn.
The flowers for July are provided by Kandy Sims, Jennifer Stribling, Jill Buckley and Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for July is Nancy Smith.

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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