



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

For the quiet that surrounds me and your promise of peace deep within me, for the stillness of sleep for my body and the hope of healing for my soul, thanks be to you, O God.

—J. Philip Newell  
from *Celtic Benediction*

***NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH***  
***3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211***

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 10, 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

When you leave this world, will you be known as one who accumulated treasures on earth you couldn't keep? Or will you be recognized as one who invested treasures in heaven that you couldn't lose?

—Randy Alcorn

The Prelude “Adagio” Franck

The Spoken Call to Worship

\*The Processional Hymn No. 108 *MADRID*  
“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

\*The Litany of Praise Joe Rankin

Leader: Blessed are those whose God is the Lord.

**People: From heaven the Lord looks down and sees human-kind. God watches all who live on the earth.**

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on us, we who fear God and hope in God's unfailing love.

**People: We wait in hope for the Lord, our help and our shield.**

Leader: In the Lord our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.

**All: May your unfailing love be with us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.**

—adapted from Psalm 50

\*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

Joe Rankin

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Slates Veazey  
Wesley Oakes

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

**Slates and Wesley, 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

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Geoff Davidson

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

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.

—Martin Luther

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. 540

*HOLINESS*

“Take Time to Be Holy”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Joe Rankin

The Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Wood

\*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 12:32-40

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Hopson

Amanda Milam, *soprano*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*Refrain*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:  
his eye in on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*Refrain*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*Refrain*

The Sermon

“Where Your Treasure Is”

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

In the end we keep only the things we place upon God’s hands.

—Jocelyn Soriano

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 539

*HOUSTON*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

Bedford

“All Creation Praises God for the New Day”

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, pages 548-549

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, page 977

Luke 12:32-40, page 847

**Today is the Ninth 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.

The flowers for today are given in memory of Bill Boone by the Boone and Bowen families.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

September 14

immediately following the worship service

Agenda:

Election of Deacons

#### **Deacon Nominees**

Sunny Fowler

Rob Hill

George Luter

Neely McGinnis

Nancy Smith

Kelley Williams, Jr.

### **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

Carla Holt

Sue Edwards

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 Care-giving Committee.

### **Pastoral Care Number**

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

### **Brumfield House**

August 14	Mitch Peters
August 21	Wilson Stribling
August 28	Bryan Bridges
September 4	Mike Peters

### **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, August 20

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Kathryn Davis	Steve Bass
Jan Stewart	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Amy Moremen	Beverly Raddin

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Annual Church-Wide Labor Day Potluck**

Sunday, August 31  
No Sunday School—Lunch in the  
Great Hall following worship

The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family, plus one more. Please bring serving utensils, and label your dishes and serving pieces.

## **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!

### **Lunch & Learn with Lucy Elfert**

Tuesday, August 19

12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Lucy Elfert, a child of the church, will share about her time in Austria this summer performing with the Institute for the International Education of Students. She will also perform a couple of musical pieces.

Please RSVP by August 15 to

lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

### **Wednesday Night Suppers Resume**

Wednesday, September 3

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

### **A Celebration of Billy Trotter**

Mississippi College will hold an organ recital to celebrate the legacy of Billy Trotter, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Music at the college and Organist Emeritus at Northminster, on September 14 at 3:00 p.m. in Provine Chapel. Several of Billy's former students will play the university's 1970 Moller organ, which Billy helped to design.

This event is free and all are invited to attend.

**Registration Now Open!**

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

Register now 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.

**Dinner and Public Conversation**  
Saturday, September 6  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Lecture**  
Sunday, September 7  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Register using the QR code or by calling  
the church office at 601-982-4703.

**Save the date!**

**Northminster Cares  
Senior Adult Conference on Dementia**

Thursday, November 6, 2025  
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Featured speakers  
Dr. Kim Tarver  
Ashley Parker

Registration opens in September.

## ———— YOUTH NEWS ————

### **Youth Sunday School**

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

### **Upcoming Dates**

Youth Scavenger Hunt  
& Parent Meeting:  
Sunday, August 24  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Nights resume:  
September 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## ———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

### **Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

August 10: Chapel Coordinator—Lesley Ratcliff  
Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff  
Sparklers—Gates & Kyle Skene  
August 17: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson  
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

### **Promotion Sunday**

August 17

School is getting in gear and so are we! On August 17, children will be promoted to their next grade level in Sunday School. Children will receive a postcard with the name of their Sunday School class before Promotion Sunday, when they will be greeted at the desk in the Children's Department and walked to their new classrooms. We hope to see you there!

### **Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, August 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, August 10**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC

11:30 a.m. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH

### **Monday, August 11**

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

### **Wednesday, August 13**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 14**

5:00 p.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR

### **Sunday, August 17**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Promotion Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

5:30 p.m. Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing &  
Ice Cream Social, GH

**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
**Every member a minister**

The Deacon of the Week is Matt Kelly.  
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Gail England.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Becky Wooley.  
The Liturgist for today is Pam Steadman.  
The Liturgists for August are Pam Steadman and Jeanne Cook.  
The flowers for August are provided by Lesley Mosby,  
Lisa Kelly, Lawana McLennan and Kathryn Davis.  
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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