



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The fact that our heart yearns for something earth can't supply is proof that heaven must be our home.

—C.S. Lewis

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 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

Faith...is the art of holding onto things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods and circumstances.

—C.S. Lewis

The Prelude “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide You” Bach

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful in the Lord” Yarrington

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song!
Bless the Lord!

*The Processional Hymn No. 52 *ELLACOMBE*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*The Litany of Praise Anna Mitchell Peters

Leader: Restore us, God Almighty, make your face shine on us that we may be saved.

People: Your vine is cut down and is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

Leader: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand. The son of man you have raised up for yourself.

People: Then we will not turn away from you; receive us and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

—adapted from Psalm 80

*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

Anna Mitchell Peters

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

When we submit our lives to what we read in scripture, we find that we are not being led to see God in our stories, but our stories in God's. God is the larger context and plot in which our stories find themselves.

—Eugene H. Peterson

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Geoff Davidson

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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. 522

BRADBURY

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*The Offertory Prayer

Anna Mitchell Peters

The Offertory

“My Heart Abounds with Pleasure”

Brahms

*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 12:49-56

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal”

Harmon

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.

Refrain:

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Refrain:

The Sermon

Scott Dickison

“Three Against Two and Two Against Three”

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

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

—C.S. Lewis

*The Recessional Hymn No. 532

SLANE

“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“How Firm a Foundation”

Colvin

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Jeremiah 23:23-29, page 634

Psalm 82, page 472

Luke 12:49-56, page 848

Today is the Tenth 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.

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.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Tommy Thames is hospitalized at Methodist Rehab.

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 Caregiving Committee.

Pastoral Care Number

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

Brumfield House

August 21	Wilson Stribling
August 28	Bryan Bridges
September 4	Mike Peters
September 11	Scott Wilson

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, August 20

Cooks:

Kathryn Davis

Jan Stewart

Amy Moremen

Rt. 1 Driver:

Lisa Cobb & Annette Hitt

Rt. 2 Driver:

Beverly Raddin

If you have old magazines you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office to give to Meals on Wheels recipients.

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Today at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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.

While the deadline to sign up has passed, if you would still like to attend, please email Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

**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.

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

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.

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.

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:
Sunday, September 7
5:00-7:00 p.m.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- August 17: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
- August 24: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Firecrackers—Sandra & Rob Triplett
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor
- August 31: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

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.

Atrium & Four5Six

will resume Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, August 22, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant-sixth grade) by calling the church office, 601-982-4703, by Wednesday, August 20. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

We will also have Parents' Night Out on September 12, November 14 and December 5.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 17

Promotion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn with Lucy Elfert, GH

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

5:30 p.m. Building Maint. Supervision Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, August 20

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 22

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, NCC

Sunday, August 24

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

3:30 p.m. Worship & Music Cmte., L/CR

5:00 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Bill Thompson.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Ann Calhoun.
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, Kandy Sims 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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