



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

...What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 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

If you quit pointing your finger at others' wrongs, saying hateful things, and telling lies, if instead you pour yourself out for the hungry and help those afflicted with all kinds of problems, then light will rise in darkness and the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy you with good things and make you strong. You will be called the repairer of the breach.

—Adapted, Isaiah 58: 9b-12

The Prelude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Miller

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. 54 *HOLY MANNA*

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*The Litany of Praise Graham Eklund

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,
 bless God's holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all God's
 benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all our iniquity,

People: Who rescues us from the results of our wrongs,

All: Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with good as long as we live. Bless the Lord!

—Adapted, Psalm 103:1-5

*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

Graham Eklund

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Anders Quinn

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Anders, 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 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Whenever I feel the pinprick of guilt, I remember God’s abundant grace. Guilt burdens us and surrounds us with regret; we must acknowledge that we will fail in life. Sin is a part of the human condition, and that is why God forgives us. There is nothing more freeing and life-giving than to experience God’s forgiveness.

—Joe La Guardia

Formations Study Guide

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. 433

GERMANY

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*The Offertory Prayer

Graham Eklund

The Offertory

“I Call to the Lord Jesus Christ”

Bach

*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 13:10-17

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“We Are Not Alone”

Choplin

Shirley Foster and Pam Steadman, *sopranos*

Refrain:

We are not alone. God is with us.

We are never alone, for God is with us,

Now, through all our days, always.

Forever and ever, we are never alone.

Refrain:

God will make us strong, for God is with us.
We will press on, for God is with us.
Now, through all our days, always.
Forever and ever, we are never alone.

Refrain:

The Sermon

“Repairers of the Breach”

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

We are called to love the unlovable, be kind to the unkind, and seek justice in an unjust world. Some of us may be called to critique as the prophet Amos did when he condemned those who trample the poor, those who are anxious for holidays and holy days to end so they can continue their selling and profit, those who deal deceitfully to feed their own ego and exploit the poor. How shall we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God?

*The Recessional Hymn No. 426

BEACH SPRING

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Phillips

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 58:9b-14, page 601
Hebrews 12:18-29, page 979
Luke 13:10-17, page 848

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Tune: BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the
 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less, still
 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till
 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in

weight of hu-man need, who up-on the cross for-
 hun-gry cry for bread; still in its cap-tives long for-
 love's re-veal-ing light go, to the height and depth and
 your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the

sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your
 free-dom, still in grief we mourn our dead: As you,
 great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing
 a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and

ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone—but but
 Lord, in the deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed—the
 know the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion and bids—us
 health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid and peace—we

heart, con-se-cra-ting to your pur-pose ev-ery
 soul, by your Spi-rit to send your pow-er to our
 bear, stir-ring us to send your ser-vice, your a-
 give, that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your

gift which you im-part.
 world to make it whole.
 bun-dant life to share.
 mer-cy know and live.

Today is the Eleventh 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:

I. Election of Deacons

Deacon Nominees

Sunny Fowler

Rob Hill

George Luter

Neely McGinnis

Nancy Smith

Kelley Williams, Jr.

Pursuant to our bylaws, at the annual meeting, any member of the congregation may nominate another qualified member, provided that prior to the time of nomination, the person being nominated shall have consented to the nomination and agreed to serve faithfully if elected.

II. Long-Range Plan Update—Church Communications

III. Building Maintenance Update

————— **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

Congratulations to Bronwyn Scott-McCharen and Fabian Bonertz on the birth of their son, Gregory Julian Scott. Gregory is also welcomed by his grandmother, Leslie Scott.

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 28	Bryan Bridges
September 4	Mike Peters
September 11	Scott Wilson
September 18	Blakely Fender
September 25	Jeff Wilson
October 2	Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Monday, August 25

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Sara Hays	Becky & Tim Frame/Gayla Purvis
Faye Barham	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Amy Moremen	Pat & Mike Beall

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.

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.

Every Kind of Bird Bam

An afternoon of mahjong and fellowship in the Great Hall

Sunday, September 28

Starts at 3:00 p.m.—Ends at 5:00 p.m.

If you already know how to play, we'll seat you with others at your level. If you'd like to learn, we'll have a table with teachers.

Come join the fun!

Adult Studies

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

Beloved Community with Andy Andrews

September 21 and 28

Andy Andrews is the Diocesan Missioner for Becoming Beloved Communities and Congregational Vitality for the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Building on the conversations we will have with Corey Walker during "Different, Distinctive, Daring: After Christendom, Toward Beloved Community," Andy will lead us in further exploration of being a beloved community.

Bible Study with Scott

October 5, 12, 19 and 26

The Book of Psalms is found at the literal center of our Bibles. For God's people through the generations, the Psalms have also been at our spiritual center. Using the first part of Ellen Davis's beautiful book *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* as our guide, we will explore what the Psalms teach us about the full range of acceptable speech to God: praise and thanksgiving, but also lament and even curses (!).

A Theology of Death and Dying

November 9 and 16

On November 9, Scott will lead us in a study of the theology of dying and how that influences our funeral practices at Northminster. On November 16, we'll discuss funeral services at Northminster, giving you an opportunity to consider what might be important to you regarding your own funeral and how you can record that with the church.

———— 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:

Today

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 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
- September 7: Firecrackers—Lucia & Samuel McCoy
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson
- September 14: Chapel Coordinators—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn
Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton

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.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, September 12, 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, September 10. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

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

Atrium & Four5Six

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 24

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism
- 3:30 p.m. Worship & Music Cmte., L/CR
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting, YH and GH

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH

Wednesday, August 27

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

Sunday, August 31

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Labor Day Potluck, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dudley Wooley.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Patricia McClure.
The Liturgist for today is Jeanne Cook.
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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