



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Live your lives in love, the same sort of love which Christ gives us, and which He perfectly expressed when He gave Himself as a sacrifice to God. Love is not soft as water is; it is solid as a rock on which the waves of hatred beat in vain.

—Corrie Ten Boom

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

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 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

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God,
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
The Love of Christ.

—“Ubi Caritas”
edited translation
by Timothy Coker

The Prelude “Aria” Manz

The Spoken Call to Worship

*The Processional Hymn No. 374 *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*
“Now Thank We All Our God”

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is Good. God’s love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story; those God redeemed from the hand of the foe.

Leader: They cried out to the Lord in their trouble and were delivered from their distress.

People: The Lord satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Leader: Let them give thanks for God’s unfailing love and wonderful deeds for all people.

People: Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

—adapted from Psalm 107

*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

Cathy Davis

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Wherever you are, at any moment, try and find something beautiful.
A face, a line out of a poem, the clouds out of a window....
Beauty cleans the mind.

—Matt Haig
“Reasons to Stay Alive”

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. 768

DOVE OF PEACE

“I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer Cathy Davis

The Offertory “Andante” Mendelssohn

*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 12:13-21 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “O Lord Most Holy” Franck

Lucy Elfert, *soprano*
Marta Szlubowska, *violin*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee,
Father, grant us Thy truth and grace,
Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our wilful hearts, Keep Thine our wand’ring thought;
In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee
And in temptation’s hour, Save thro’ Thy mighty pow’r,
Thine aid, O send us; Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon Scott Dickison

“And These Things You Prepared, Whose Will They Be?”

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Scott Dickison

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.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Let us be thankful, God, for health serene,
The hope to do a kindly deed each day;
The faith of fellowship, a conscience clean,
The will to worship and the gift to pray;
For all of worth in us, of you a part
Let us be grateful, God, with humble heart.

—Robert William Service
“A Little Prayer”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 60

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Grams

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, pages 536-537

Colossians 3:1-11, pages 957-958

Luke 12:13-21, page 847

Today is the Eighth 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.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Carolyn Aden	Carla Holt
Sue Edwards	Virginia Hamilton	Libby McGee

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 7	Skipper Jernigan
August 14	Mitch Peters
August 21	Wilson Stribling
August 28	Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Monday, August 4

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Polly Bourne	Charles & Susan O'Mara
Jim Blackwood	Rt. 2 Driver:
Becky Wooley	Steve Bass

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

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.

Sign ups coming soon!

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.

————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

Tonight, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Cookout at the Dickisons'
August 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Youth Scavenger Hunt/Parent Meeting
September 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.: Youth Sunday nights resume

More details to follow.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

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 Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 3: Firecrackers— Ramsey & Brian Long
 Sparklers— Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

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 3

9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

5:00 p.m. Youth Cookout at the Dickisons'

Monday, August 4

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, August 6

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mary Ellen Stancill.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Kathy Burkhalter.
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,
Kandy Sims, 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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