



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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

God provides minimum protection, maximum support – support to help us grow up, to stretch our minds and hearts until they are as wide as God’s universe.

—William Sloane Coffin

The Prelude “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” Manz

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

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

*The Processional Hymn No. 20 *ODE TO JOY*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*The Litany of Praise Anna Katherine Scott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let all that we are praise the Lord!

Leader: Blessed are those who have the God of Israel as their helper.

People: Our hope is in the Lord our God.

Leader: God is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

People: The Lord will be our God throughout all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

—adapted from Psalm 146

*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 Katherine Scott

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
I Timothy 6:6-19

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

There is more to prayer than the answer to prayer. There is also
the pray-er, who is shaped by the praying.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

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 trespass-
es, 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. 651

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*The Offertory Prayer

Anna Katherine Scott

The Offertory

“O Day of Peace”

Callahan

*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 16:19-31

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“What Shall I Render to My God?”

Lovelace

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.

The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace and to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay.

Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate’er is mine,
Born in Thy family below and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to
Thee.

Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins for-
giv’n;

Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav’n.

The Sermon

“It Takes What It Takes”

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

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—Robert Frost
“The Road Not Taken”

- *The Recessional Hymn No. 648 *ANGEL'S STORY*
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
- *The Benediction Scott Dickison
- *The Postlude “Festive Trumpet Tune” German

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, page 747

Psalm 146, page 507

I Timothy 6:6-19, pages 965-966

Luke 16:19-31, pages 851-852

Today is the Sixteenth 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

Carolyn Aden is currently hospitalized at Baptist.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Virginia Hamilton

Carla Holt

Sue Edwards

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

October 2: Joe Sims

October 9: Bo Allen

October 16: Matt Kelly

October 23: TBA

Meals on Wheels

Monday, October 6

Cooks:

Rebecca Starling

Amanda Milam

Peggy Brady

Rt. 1 Drivers:

Susan & Charles O'Mara

Rt. 2 Drivers:

Marianna Field & Janet Holt

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Every Kind of Bird Bam

An afternoon of mahjong and fellowship in the Great Hall

Today
3:00 —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.

If you have not already signed up and you would like to join us, please see Lesley in the Narthex after worship.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 1
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: smoked pork loin, consommé rice,
green beans, salad, rolls and cake

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Judy & Joe Rankin and Sandi Rhoden
Cashier: George Luter

Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees is now recruiting committee members for 2026 and wants to hear from you! Scan the QR code below and complete the form to indicate your willingness to serve. Forms are also available on literature tables in the adult building as well as outside the church office, and will be available on tables during Wednesday Night Suppers. Please return forms to the office by **Friday, October 3**. Email any questions to cathypdavis@gmail.com.



Adult Studies

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

Beloved Community with Andy Andrews

Tonight

Andy Andrews is the Diocesan Missioner for Becoming Beloved Communities and Congregational Vitality for the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Building on the conversations we had 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.

Lunch & Learn with Mayor Horhn

Tuesday, October 7

12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$10

John Horhn, mayor of Jackson, will join us for a Lunch and Learn. Come enjoy a delicious meal and hear Mayor Horhn’s vision for the city of Jackson.

Please RSVP to lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Friday, October 3.

**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



To register, please scan the QR code above
or call the church office at 601-982-4703.

————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. for donuts and good conversation.

Upcoming Dates

Youth Sunday Nights

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

after supper in the Great Hall

Stewpot

Saturday, October 4

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 26
5:00 p.m., YH

ReCreate Fall Retreat

November 7—9
Camp Wesley Pines

Stewpot

Saturday, December 6

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 14

Northminster Youth Choral Ensemble

Interest in having a youth choral group has grown. We will be trying a six-week period of rehearsals to gauge this interest and to prepare a morning worship presentation. Youth who are interested are encouraged to meet in the Choir Room from 4:00 to 5:00 on Sunday afternoons. Rehearsals begin and end promptly. Ten youth gathered for the first rehearsal last week. Please use the back parking lot doors to enter for rehearsal.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- September 28: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder
Firecrackers and Sparklers—Jennifer &
Drew Rymer
- October 5: Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
- October 12: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Mary Hastings & Gray Samson

Children's Birthday Gathering

Thursday, October 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, November 14, 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, November 12. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
- 3:00 p.m. Every Kind of Bird Bam, GH
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, September 29

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Stewpot

Sunday, October 5

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver of the Week is Bob Boteler.
The Liturgist for today is Shirley Sanders Foster.
The Liturgists for September are Anne Guidry and
Shirley Sanders Foster.
The flowers for September are provided by Kathryn Davis,
Lisa Kelly and Kandy Sims.
The Usher Captain for September is Judy Rankin.

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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