



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

—Psalm 133:1

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 7, 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

A new beginning! We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

The Prelude                      “Rondeau and Air”                      Purcell

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. 20                      *ODE TO JOY*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*The Litany of Praise                      Rebecca Wiggs

Leader:      Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee  
                    from your presence?

**People:      If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed  
                    in Sheol, you are there.**

Leader:      If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the far-  
                    thest limits of the sea,

**People:      Even there your hand shall lead me and your right  
                    hand shall hold me fast.**

—from Psalm 139

\*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

Rebecca Wiggs

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Philemon 1:1-21

Lesley Ratcliff

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

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Silence is the simple stillness of the individual under the Word  
of God.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Scott Dickison

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

**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. 768

*DOVE OF PEACE*

“I Come with Joy”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Rebecca Wiggs

The Offertory “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”

Burkhardt

\*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 14:25-33

Corey Walker

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Pederson

Bonnie Brown, *violin*

Give us your vision, Lord, this is our pray’r.  
Oh, help us to see when the way is not clear.  
Gift us with wisdom and lead us we pray;  
let grace be our calling, our strength for today.

Send us in power so we may be  
all you intended, your hands and your feet.  
A gift freely given, the hope for rebirth;  
the kingdom of heaven, at work on the earth.

All of creation with one voice declare,  
“Hope, love, and mercy dispels our despair.  
As we bear your image to all humankind,  
waking and sleeping, your presence, our light.”

The Sermon

“Faith for a Fractured World”

Corey Walker

### 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.*

## 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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—II Corinthians 13:14

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 555

*MORE LOVE TO THEE*

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Lasky

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11, page 629

Philemon 1:1-21, page 970

Luke 14:25-33, page 850

**Today is the Thirteenth 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.

Today our guest worship leader is Corey D. B. Walker, a distinguished scholar, academic leader, and public intellectual currently serving as Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities, and founding Director of the Program in African American Studies. Dean Walker's interdisciplinary scholarship explores the intersections of religion, democracy, and culture, earning him national and international recognition, including his selection as the 2023–2024 Phi Beta Kappa Frank M. Updike Memorial Scholar. A prolific author and editor, and ordained American Baptist minister, he holds advanced degrees from Harvard, William & Mary, and Virginia Union.

## **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.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Carolyn Aden

Virginia Hamilton

Sue Edwards

Carla Holt

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**

September 11: Scott Wilson  
September 18: Blakely Fender  
September 25: Jeff Wilson  
October 2: Joe Sims  
October 9: Bo Allen

## **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, September 17

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Shari Culver	Nancy Smith & Amy Finkelberg
Carolyn McIntyre	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Leah Hendrix	Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin

## **Bags of Groceries for Neighbors in Need**

We have experienced an uptick in benevolence calls to the church asking for assistance with groceries. We need your help to pre-fill bags of food to have on hand in the office. Each brown paper grocery bag should be filled with the items below (or something close). Bags can be dropped off at the main office.

- 1 jar of creamy peanut butter
- 1 jar of jelly
- 1 package of individual apple sauce cups
- 1 can of beans
- 2-4 packages of EasyMac
- 1 box of spaghetti
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce
- 4 cans of tuna or chicken
- 1 box of granola bars
- 1 box of cereal
- 1 can of soup
- 1 box of crackers
- 1 can opener

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, September 10

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: sour cream chicken enchiladas,  
salsa rice, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cake

Servers: Hilda Boteler,  
Sara Cox & Cade Montague  
Cashier: George Luter

**Vespers Service**

Sunday, September 14

5:30—6:30 p.m.

Join us on September 14 for a vespers service featuring a new composition by Tim Coker based on a poem by Scott Dickison.

**Every Kind of Bird Bam**

An afternoon of mahjong and fellowship in the Great Hall

Sunday, September 28

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.

To sign up, email [Lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:Lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

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.

## **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 lunch and hear Mayor Horhn’s vision for the city of Jackson.

Please RSVP to [Lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:Lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) 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 Sunday Nights**

resume today  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Nights**

resumed September 3

**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

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- September 7: Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway  
Sparklers—Amanda & Trey Clark
- September 14: Chapel Coordinators—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn  
Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow  
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
- September 21: Lucia & Samuel McCoy  
Firecrackers  
Sparklers—TBA

**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.

**Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, September 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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





## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, September 7**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Lecture with Corey Walker

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

### **Monday, September 8**

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

### **Wednesday, September 10**

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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, September 12**

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

### **Sunday, September 14**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies-Vespers Service

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

The Deacon of the Week is Will Walker.  
The Caregiving Chair for September is Susan O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for September is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Steve Godbold.  
The Liturgist for today is Anne Guidry.  
The Liturgists for September are Anne Guidry and  
Shirley Foster.  
The flowers for September are provided by Kathryn Sams,  
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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