



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“How does one become a butterfly?” she asked pensively.

“You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar.”

“You mean to die?” asked Yellow.

“Yes and no,” he answered.

“What looks like you will die, but what’s really you will still live. Life is changed, not taken away. Isn’t that different from those who die without ever becoming butterflies?”

—Trina Paulus

Hope for the Flowers

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 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

Let your
heart break

so your spirit
doesn't.

—Andrea Gibson

The Prelude “By Still Waters He Leads Me” Callahan

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful” 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. 751 *SINE NOMINE*

“For All the Saints”

*The Litany of Praise Blair Taff

Leader: Righteous are you, O Lord;

People: Your word is very pure.

Leader: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

People: And your law is truth.

Leader: Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,

All: Give me understanding, and I shall live.

*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

Blair Taff

The Greeting

Scott Dickison

**IN MEMORIAM
from last All Saints' Day to this**

Jack W. McDaniel
Katherine Graves Miller
Edward L. Foster
Robert William McCarley
Thomas Irwin Starling, Jr.
Barbara Sloan Stribling Davis
Linda Rogers McGehee
Silas Wood McCharen
Ross Frederick Bass, Jr.
Patricia Kay Pace
Bessie Sarphie Speed
Julian Dale Allen

The Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Ephesians 1:11-23

Scott Dickison

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
And my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

—Psalm 32:3-5, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

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. 687

HANSON PLACE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

*The Offertory Prayer

Blair Taff

The Offertory “When They Ring Those Golden Bells”

Trotter

*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 19:1-10

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“No Night There”

Forrest

Bonnie Brown, *violin*

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there, no crying there;
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, God
is with us.

I will fear no evil; God is for us.

Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

Do not be afraid, God is with us; God is for us.

No night there.

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.

The Communion Anthem

Sleeth

“Hymn of Promise”

Marlow Ratcliff and Mary Alden Ratcliff, *trebles*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

Blessed are the one way ticket holders
On a one way street.
Blessed are the midnight riders
For in the shadow of God they sleep.
Blessed are the huddled hikers
Staring out at falling rain,
Wondering at the retribution
In their personal acquaintance with pain.
Blessed are the blood relations
Of the young ones who have died,
Who had not the time or patience
To carry on this earthly ride.
Rain will come and winds will blow,
Wild deer die in the mountain snow.
Birds will beat at heaven's wall;
What comes to one must come to us all.
For you and I are one way ticket holders
On a one way street
Which lies across a golden valley
Where the waters of joy and hope run deep.
So if you pass the parents weeping
Of the young ones who have died,
Take them to your warmth and keeping
For blessed are the tears they cried,
And many were the years they tried.
Take them to that valley wide
And let their souls be pacified.

—Joan Baez
“Blessed Are”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 749

HANOVER

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Jubilate”

Young

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, pages 762-763

Ephesians 1:11-23, page 949

Luke 19:1-10, page 854

Today is All Saints’ Sunday. The liturgical color is white, a symbol of Resurrection.

————— **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

November 6: Matt Kelly
November 13: Mitch Peters
November 20: Elizabeth Boone
November 27: Mike Peters

Meals on Wheels

Monday, November 3

Cooks:	Drivers:
Kathy Burkhalter	Rt. 1: Laine & Bob Hardin
Sara Hays	Rt. 2: Pat & Mike Beall
Jim Blackwood	

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

All Saints' Sunday

This Evening

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an All Saints' Vespers Service, at which time the names that have been submitted by the congregation will be read aloud.

We will have our annual dogwood planting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden at the north end of the campus.

Women's Book Study is back!

*Honoring the Body:
Meditations on a Christian Practice*

Tuesdays through November 11

6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Supper will be provided for \$10 per person.

Call Lesley at 601-982-4703 or email her at

lesley@northminsterbaptist.org with questions or to sign up.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, November 5

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Menu: chicken piccata, pasta, thin bean almonidine, salad and cake

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Cade Montague,

Gloria Montgomery and Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter

Adult Studies

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

**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.

Northminster Cares
Senior Adult Conference on Dementia

Thursday, November 6
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 9:15 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
and will conclude after lunch.

Registration is now full.
You may sign up on a waiting list by emailing Marty Harper
at marty@northminsterbaptist.org.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 16
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Approval of the 2026 Proposed Budget
Long-Range Plan Update - Legacy Giving Ministry
Personnel Committee Report

Mahjong Ministry

Sundays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

November 16
Thankful Tiles

Bring canned goods for Stewpot! Each canned good and each mahjong will get you an entry into the drawing for prizes.



Sign up here for November 16!

December 21
Merry Mahjong

The highest scorer at each table will take home a mahjong ornament.



Sign up here for December 21!

These events will be for folks who have learned the basics. If you haven't yet, please reach out to Lesley about a time to learn.

2026 Northminster Deacon Officers

At their October meeting, the Deacons
elected the following officers for 2026

Deacon Chair - Wilson Stribling
Deacon Vice Chair - Blakely Fender
Deacon Secretary - Geri Smith
Church Clerk - Marty Kelly
Church Treasurer - George Smith

Northminster's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service

Wednesday, November 19
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

**Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your
family plus one more. Meat and drinks will be provided.**

**Please bring serving utensils and
label your dishes and serving pieces.**

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service.
We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes
Project.

Volunteers: Cade Montague, Gloria Montgomery,
Judy Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

From the Worship and Music Committee

Northminster Baptist Church believes in the leadership of our laity in every aspect of our church, including worship. The Worship and Music Committee oversees the structure and content of our worship, with members writing and contributing the liturgy as well as securing a lay reader for each Sunday. The lay reader plays an integral role in the worship experience by leading the Litany of Praise and preparing and offering the Invocation and Offertory Prayer.

If you have an interest in leading the church as a lay reader and have never been asked or have not been asked in a while, the Worship and Music Committee would like to know! Please respond via email or text to Amy Williams, angelsbyamy@aol.com or 601-672-7448.

Food Assistance

Thank you to all who have brought bags of food for us to have on hand for our neighbors! In an effort to help meet the needs of our community, we have approved additional funding to five local food distribution sites from extra missions funds and Pastors' Benevolence.

Stewpot needs plastic grocery bags and egg cartons to help meet the increased need in the Food Pantry. You can deliver them to Stewpot or bring them to the church office. *Please only include bags and cartons without tears and that are clean.*

Stewpot is also in need of additional volunteers to help staff their Food Pantry in the coming weeks. You can sign up to volunteer by visiting the Stewpot website.

Book Buddies Needed

Two of the organizations we support through the Adopt-a-School, Wider Net and Local & Direct Missions Committees have opportunities for reading with students.

Spann Elementary School

Reading buddies are needed for one hour per week any time between 7:30 and 1:30 on Monday through Friday. Volunteers will spend 30 minutes each with two children listening to them read and asking reading comprehension questions. Reading buddies can also bring in a favorite book to read to the children. To volunteer, contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or call the church office.

Operation Shoestrings

Volunteers are needed on the first Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 to listen to kindergarten, first and second graders read. Volunteers will occasionally be invited to complete a craft related to the reading. The books and crafts will be provided. To volunteer, contact Annette Hitt at annettehitt329@gmail.com.

These are brief opportunities that make a big impact!

Northminster Angel Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 16, the Angel Tree will be in the stairwell foyer with names, ages, clothing sizes, and wish lists from children in our community. If you want an angel early or may not be present at the church during the time the names are on the tree, Megan will be happy to get an angel's information to you. You may also stop by the church to adopt an angel any time the church office is open. In addition, we have volunteers ready to shop for angels if you are unable to do so but would

like to financially support an angel. Remember that more than one person and/or family can work together to provide gifts. Wednesday, December 10, is the last day to bring gifts. Please contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com with any questions.

Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Each year Baptism of the Lord Sunday offers an opportunity to be baptized in an evening vespers service. The next Baptism of the Lord Sunday will be January 11, 2026. If you are interested in receiving baptism at this service, please reach out to one of the pastors.

————— YOUTH NEWS —————

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Dates

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

Youth Homework Night

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m.

ReCreate Fall Retreat

November 7-9

Stewpot

Saturday, December 6

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m., YH

Exams Homework Night with Pancakes!

Wednesday, December 10, YH
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 1

Youth Fall Retreat

It's not too late to join us for our ReCreate Fall Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines November 7-9. Our time together will be focused on sabbath, learning why it matters and giving our busy students a chance to relax together in God's creation. The cost of the retreat is \$20. To sign up, contact Geoff directly today.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- November 2: Firecrackers—Sophia & Rachel Royston
Sparklers—TBA
- November 9: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame
Firecrackers—Gates & Kyle Skene
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long
- November 16: Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
- November 23: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, November 4, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children whose birthdays are in November 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.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

IN MEMORIAM

From Last All Saints' Day to This All Saints' Day

Jack W. McDaniel
Katherine Graves Miller
Edward L. Foster
Robert William McCarley
Thomas Irvin Starling, Jr.
Barbara Sloan Stribling Davis
Linda Rogers McGehee
Silas Wood McCharen
Ross Frederick Bass, Jr.
Patricia Kay Pace
Bessie Saphie Speed
Julian Dale Allen

Loved Ones, Relatives and Friends

J.B. Fowler
Wanda Orrick Fowler
Fran McDonnical
S.H. "Mac" McDonnical
Ann Reese McDonnical
Sandra Caldwell Maloney
Frank Betts
Chuck Schmitt
Dot and John O'Brien
Dot Taylor
Tom Lawrence
Caren Wilson
John and Frances Harper
Beth Breland
Doris and John Henry Boyet
Elsie and Emmett Breland
Willard Boggan
Linda Gayle Boggan
Patricia Boggan Cummings
Brent Riddell
Lindsey Lee Boggan
Wade Stokes
Missye Wells
Ann Futrell Rankin
Bill Galloway
Martin H. McMullan
Jeremy Moremen
O.B. and Easie Wooley
John Claypool

Ruth Glaze
Pat Welsh
Mary Catherine Lynn
Homer Lynn
Grace Parker
Guy Parker, Sr.
Bill Boone
Karen and Ron Bowen
George and Jan Purvis
William Henry Winders, Sr.
Eda Dabbs Winders
Sterling Gray, Jackson, Sr.
Becky Jackson
Sterling Gray Jackson, Jr.
Eda Winders Jackson
Jerry Hampton
Pete Townsend
Ann Townsend
Mildred Townsend
Anna Carol Clark
Helen Hilton
Dee Dee Wimberly
Mary Craft
Wayne Parker
Zeita Parker
John Weems
Bill Pharr
Barbara Oliver
Jeff Hudson
Julie Sparks
Renee Lamb Beltzhoover
Tommy Ramey
Sandy Latture
Judy Green
Heather Green
Nell Green
Earl Locke
Mildred Locke
Eliot McKenzie
Homer Best
Jane Best
Elizabeth Marsh
Barry Aden
Leland Speed
Roger Paynter
Robert Stephen Sentilles
John Palmer, Jr.
Clementine B. Palmer

Edwin Williams
Dianne K. Metzner
John Gilbert Graves
Beverly Pace Cooper
Shirley Webb Cox
W. Scott (Scotty) Welch III
Melva and Hazel Morton
Edwin and Annie Lou Joiner
Dorothy Morton Beatty
Alan E. Stallings III
Judy Kirkpatrick
Tom F. Kirkpatrick
Tom Frank Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Patrick Ridgeway
Anne Peters
Sue Peters
Jim Peters
John and Faye Beall
Arlene and Eugene Stamper
Suzi Beall Colbert
Omer and Lyda Grace Calhoon
Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet
Jan Calhoon
Anne McIntyre Black and John S. McIntyre
Elizabeth and W.R. Newman
Mary Helen Sams
Carr Sams
Jim Becker
Kathryn Becker
John Cosier
Virgil Brawley
Steve Chester
Roger P. Friou
Tom and Gertrude Street
Roger and Annie Belle Friou, Sr.
Steve and Nita Street
Lucian Harvey
Parker and Vera Jeter
Mary Florence and Lucian Harvey, Sr.
O.G. Vance
Ruth and Richard Ballard
John Milam
W.T. and Ruby Rankin
Sandra Rankin
W.O. and Jean White

Larry White
Margaret Morris
Craig Cunningham
William Chandler (Bill) Brunson
Evelyn Maxine Green (Mickey) Brunson
Edna Evelyn Green
James Leldon (Jim) Hudson
William T. Lee, Sr.
Tommie Ann Lee
Barry Alan Lee
William Faser Lee
Thomas Clayton Lee
Robert Timothy Sanders
Lois Hazel Drake
Woodrow Drake
Noble Brooks
Margie Stacks Brooks
J.R. Ross
Patsy Caraway
Edwin Lloyd Pittman
J. Clifford Watson
Martha Watson
W.C. Robertson
Bertrice Shaw Robertson
Kyra Robertson Watson
Eugene H. Behm
Jacquelyn R. Behm
Eugene P. Cohen
Therese Cohen
Tracey R. Cohen
Charles Bacon
Janice Tyre
Clifford and Kathryn Williams
Calhoun and Reather Pittman
Jimmy and Bobby Pittman
Ashley L. Stack
Bill Hardin
James E. Hardin
Coleman Lowery
Emily Lewis Smith
Jane Causey Lewis
Bill Card
Michael Causey Lewis

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 2

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:00 p.m. All Saints' Tree Planting

5:30 p.m. All Saints' Vespers

Monday, November 3

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, November 4

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

6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

Wednesday, November 5

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

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

5:30 p.m. Youth Homework Night, YH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Conference, GH

Friday, November 7

Youth leave for retreat

Saturday, November 8

Children leave for retreat

Sunday, November 9

Youth and Children return from retreats

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Charles O'Mara.
The Caregiving Chair for November is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Guy Parker III.
The Caregiver of the Week is Kathryn Davis.
The Liturgist for November is Monica Daniels.
The flowers for November are provided by Lisa Kelly,
Kandy Sims, Becky Frame and Geri Smith.
The Usher Captain for November is Nancy Smith.

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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