



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sometimes I just look up, smile and say, “I know that was you. Thank you.”

—Snoopy
(Charles Schulz)

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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

We need to find God and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees and flowers and grass – grow in silence. See the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life.

—Mother Teresa

The Prelude “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” Brahms

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. 62 *ST. DENIO*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*The Litany of Praise Kyle Watson

Leader: God raised Jesus from the dead to the end that we should
be clear —

People: Once and for all —

Leader: That there is nothing more important than being human.

People: Our lives have eternal significance

Leader: And no one —

People: Absolutely no one —

Leader: is expendable.

All: No one is expendable! Thanks be to God!

—Martin Bell
The Way of the Wolf

*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

Kyle Watson

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's advice concerning a wandering mind during prayer:

“Pray for the subjects of the straying thoughts and use this as a means of enlarging one's prayer concerns.”

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. 651

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*The Offertory Prayer

Kyle Watson

The Offertory

Haan

“God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us”

*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 17:11-19

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Sing unto the Lord”

Yannerella

Sing unto the Lord. Let your heart rejoice and your soul
fill with gladness.

Sing unto the Lord. Let us bless His holy name.

Sing unto the Lord. Let your voice proclaim His excellent
greatness.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.

Let us go before the Lord and bless His name forever.

The Sermon

“Were not Ten Made Clean?”

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

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

—Emerson

*The Recessional Hymn No. 634

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “We Will Give You Praise Unending”

Colvin

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, pages 638-639

Psalm 66:1-12, pages 459-460

Luke 17:11-19, page 852

Today is the Eighteenth 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.

Those Winter Sundays
by Robert Hayden

Sundays too my father got up early
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,
and slowly I would rise and dress,
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,
who had driven out the cold
and polished my good shoes as well.
What did I know, what did I know
of love's austere and lonely offices?

————— 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

Christian sympathy is extended to Paul, Jill and Benjamin Buckley on the death of Paul's mother, Merle Buckley.

Christian sympathy is extended to Sandi Rhoden on the death of her brother, Julian Allen.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer
Carla Holt

Libby McGee
Sue Edwards

Carolyn Aden
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

October 16: Matt Kelly
October 23: TBA
October 30: Skipper Jernigan
November 6: Kirk Sims
November 13: Mitch Peters

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, October 15

Cooks:	Drivers:
Judy Rankin	Rt. 1: Becky & Tim Frame
Polly Bourne	Rt. 2: Rebecca Starling &
Missy Caver	Rob Hill

Monday, October 27

Cooks:	Drivers:
Polly Watkins	Rt. 1: Julie & Dudley Wooley
Jean Welsh	Rt. 2: Steve Bass
Cathy Davis	

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Adult Studies

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

**The Prayers of the People; Studies in Psalms
Tonight, October 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.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, October 15

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: shrimp cream pasta, green peas, salad, rolls and cake

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Amy Moremen, Judy Rankin and Sandi Rhoden

Cashier: George Luter

Women's Book Study is back!

***Honoring the Body:
Meditations on a Christian Practice***

Tuesdays, October 21-November 11

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

Books are available in the church office for \$20. 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.

Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Giant Slide

Games

Cookout

Candy Bar Walk

Pumpkin Painting

Costume Parade at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us in the “backyard” of the church for a fun evening of festivities. Dinner will be provided and served on the back porch of the Youth House at no charge.

Rain will cancel.

Non-scary costumes preferred.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Mahjong Ministry

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

October 26

Dragons & Jokers & Candy, Oh, My!

Bring your favorite candy and join us for an afternoon of Mahjong fun!



Sign up here for October 26!

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.

**Northminster Cares
Senior Adult Conference
on Dementia**

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

All are invited to the conference on dementia and Alzheimer's which will be held in the Great Hall. Dr. Kim Tarver of the UMMC MIND Center will address the following: normal aging vs. dementia, early detection, genetic risk factors, symptoms of Alzheimer's, lifestyle modification, and exploring a cure. Geriatric Social Worker Ashley Parker will address tips and strategies for caregiving. So whether you are caring for a loved one or simply interested in learning more about Alzheimer's and dementia, this is the conference for you. Lunch will be included. Sign up using the QR code below, calling the church office 601-982-4703 or emailing Marty Harper at marty@northminsterbaptist.org. Registration is open through October 31.



All Saints' Sunday

November 3

A printed list of names of loved ones who have preceded us into God's nearer presence will be part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday. Names may be submitted by e-mail to Neely Grimsley at neely@northminsterbaptist.org or by printing them on the form provided in your Sunday worship bulletin, which may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Forms will also be available in the church office. Please add any notes on pronunciation that may be helpful. **All names must be submitted by Monday, October 20.**

On the evening of November 2, we will meet in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for an All Saints' Vesper Service, at which time the names will be read aloud.

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

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. Please use the back parking lot doors to enter for rehearsal.

Youth shirts and Fall Retreat

The youth will be going on 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 and can be paid online.

Fall retreat registration includes this school year's youth shirt. Shirts are also available to purchase for \$17 for any student or adult not going on the retreat. Register or purchase by October 22 to guarantee availability and sizing.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- October 12: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Mary Hastings & Gray Samson
- October 19: Firecrackers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
Sparklers—Melissa Robinson & Mike Kitchell
- October 26: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Firecrackers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
Sparklers—Sheri & Clint Moody

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.

Children's Retreat

Children in third through sixth grade are invited to our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be exploring the theme "Rooted in Wonder," through the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah, and Rachel and Joseph. We'll play games, have Bible study, do a ropes course, and have a bonfire. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on November 8 and return in time for worship at Northminster on November 9. Registration packets can be found at the children's entrance or by contacting Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Passport Kids

June 28—July 2 at Lees McRae college in Banner Elk, NC. More information to follow.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 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, October 13

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, October 14

- 5:30 p.m. Missions Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, October 15

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:00 p.m. Special Gifts Cmte., L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Blakely Fender.

The Caregiving Chair for October is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiving Coordinators for October are Faye Barham
and Susie Friou.

The Caregivers of the Week are Helen Turner and Faye Barham.

The Liturgist for today is Anne Brawley.

The Liturgists for October are Amy Finkelberg and
Anne Brawley.

The flowers for October are provided by Kandy Sims,
John Tingle and Geri Smith.

The Usher Captain for October 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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