



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Justice, justice, shall you pursue.  
How long, O Lord, how long  
must we persist?  
For our legs grow weary  
and our prayers fall flat.  
And isn't it all hopeless  
anyway?

Take heart, take heart  
my trod-down children.  
For I am faithful  
and will not give up  
until the world turns 'round right.  
Stand up, stand up,  
and join with me.  
As I shower  
It All  
with golden light.

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 19, 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

Shh . . .  
Not a scolding, but an invitation  
to gentleness  
and an unhurried quiet  
that will prepare you  
to hear the Word,  
receive a blessing,  
and walk in the world  
a little freer, a little lighter  
than when you walked in and sat down.

The Prelude            "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"            Wood

The Call to Worship            "O Be Joyful"            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. 317            *OLD HUNDREDTH*  
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

\*The Litany of Praise            Dudley Stancill

Leader:    People of God, rejoice! The Lord is your keeper; the  
                 Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People:    The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by  
                 night.**

Leader:    The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your  
                 life.

**People: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in**

**Leader: From this time on**

**People: and forevermore.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

—an improvisation on Psalm 121

\*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

Dudley Stancill

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Psalm 121  
Jeremiah 31:27-34

Geoff Davidson

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

And so, this is my prayer for you—  
that during these moments of silence  
you will find solace for your soul.  
For life's vicissitudes and our own sins weigh heavy.  
Our shoulders slump under the load.  
Here in the quiet,  
lay your burdens down, lay them down.  
The Holy One who loved you into being is  
waiting to astound and astonish you with  
redemption and joy.  
Yes, joy, even joy—even now.

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 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. 622

*CONVERSE*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Dudley Stancill

The Offertory

“Let All Things Now Living”

Cherwein

\*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 18:1-8

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Unto Thee, O Lord”

Aulbach

Pam Steadman, *soprano*

Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee.  
O my God, in thee have I trusted; let not thine enemies triumph  
over me.

Show me thy ways. Teach me thy paths. Thou art the God of my  
salvation.

The Sermon

“Into the Silence”

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

Beloved Children,  
you belong to God.  
Therefore, stand firm in the faith,  
pray persistently,  
and work tirelessly for justice,  
for the days are surely coming  
when God's kingdom will be all in all.

—*Feasting on the Word Worship*  
*Companion Year C, Volume 2*, adapted

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 628 NEW BRITAIN  
“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Come, Christians Join to Sing” Jordan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 121, page 498  
Jeremiah 31:27-34, page 642  
Luke 18:1-8, page 853

**Today is the Nineteenth 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.

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carolyn Aden
Carla Holt	Sue Edwards	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 23:	TBA
October 30:	Skipper Jernigan
November 6:	Matt Kelly
November 13:	Mitch Peters

### **Meals on Wheels**

Monday, October 27

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

Monday, November 3

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

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

**Adult Studies**

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

**The Prayers of the People: Studies in Psalms  
Tonight and October 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.

**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](mailto: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.

## **It's Time to Sign Up!**

### **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. Dr. Kim Tarver of the UMMC MIND Center will address the 10 Questions About Dementia. 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](mailto:marty@northminsterbaptist.org). Registration is open through October 31.**



## **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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or call the church office.

## **Operation Shoestring**

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](mailto:annettehitt329@gmail.com)

**These are brief opportunities that make a big impact!**

## **All Saints' Sunday**

November 2

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](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org). 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.

## **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.

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House**

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

### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **Youth Sunday Nights**

5:00-6:30 p.m.

#### **Halloween Party**

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

#### **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,  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 14

### **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 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
- November 2: Firecrackers—Sophia & Rachel Royston  
Sparklers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen
- November 9: Chapel Coordinators—Anna & Andy Frame  
Firecrackers—Gates & Kyle Skene  
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long

**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](mailto: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 19**

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 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

### **Monday, October 20**

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

### **Tuesday, October 21**

- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte. , L/CR
- 4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Building Maintenance Cmte., L/CR
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

### **Wednesday, October 22**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Festival
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, October 26**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Banner Bearer & Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH
- 3:30 p.m. Worship & Music Cmte., L/CR
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Halloween Party, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

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

The Deacon of the Week is Matt Kelly.  
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 Zina Bass and Steve Godbold.  
The Liturgist for today is Amy Finkelberg.  
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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