



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Every living thing could use a little mercy now  
Only the hand of grace can end the race  
Towards another mushroom cloud  
People in power, well  
They'll do anything to keep their crown  
I love life, and life itself could use some mercy now  
Yea, we all could use a little mercy now  
I know we don't deserve it  
But we need it anyhow  
We hang in the balance  
Dangle 'tween hell and hallowed ground  
Every single one of us could use some mercy now

—Mary Gauthier  
“Mercy Now”

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
November 16, 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 did not tell us to follow him because he needed our help, but because he knew that loving him would make us whole.

—Saint Irenaeus

The Prelude      “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”      Bach

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. 78      *ST. ANNE*

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*The Litany of Praise      Madeleine Wylie

Leader:      O sing to the Lord a new song!

**People:      For the Lord has done marvelous things.**

Leader:      The Lord has made known the gift of salvation.

**People:      All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader:      Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth!

**All:      Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises!**

—from Psalm 98, adapted

\*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

Madeleine Wylie

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The arc of an egg  
bends hands  
to the shape of prayer,  
the shell  
unbroken,  
the heavy yolk  
floating.  
Our fingers  
curving always  
inward, become a cup,  
an open bowl.  
Prayer is  
circumference  
we may not reach around,  
space for all we cannot hold,  
the rim of Love toward which we lean.

—Jeanne Lohmann  
“Nothing So Wise”

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

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. 60

*FAITHFULNESS*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Madeleine Wylie

The Offertory

“Child of the Light”

Coker

\*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 21:5-19

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Gift of Love”

Hopson

Youth Ensemble

Though I may speak with bravest fire  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain  
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control.  
Our spirits long to be made whole;  
O come, Spirit, come,  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

The Sermon

“You Will Say on That Day”

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’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem  
and smarter than you think.”

—Christopher Robin

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 556

*ST. CATHERINE*

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Albrecht

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 65:17-25, pages 607-608

Isaiah 12, pages 558-559

Luke 21:5-19, page 856

**Today is the Twenty-Third 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.

**Congregational Meeting**

Today  
immediately following the worship service

**Agenda**

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

———— **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**

November 20: Elizabeth Boone  
November 27: Mike Peters  
December 4: Bo Allen  
December 11: Bryan Bridges  
December 18: Bill Thompson

## **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, November 19

Cooks:	Drivers:
Shari Culver	Rt. 1: Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Helen Turner	Rt. 2: Monica Daniels &
Elizabeth Quinn	Carol Taff

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Adult Studies**

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

#### **A Theology of Death and Dying**

Tonight, Scott will lead us in a study of the theology of dying and how that influences our funeral practices at Northminster. We will also 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 Angel Tree**

Beginning today, 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](mailto:meganmayhan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Mahjong Ministry**

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

### **Today Thankful Tiles**

Bring canned goods for Stewpot! Each canned good and each mahjong will get you an entry into the drawing for prizes. If you would like to attend, please let Lesley know immediately following worship.

### **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'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

## **Boarding Homes Project: An Advent Tradition**

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 p.m.  
Great Hall

For the last four decades Northminster has been delivering warm clothing, food and toiletries to the residents of the Personal Care Homes in Jackson.

Personal Care Homes are private homes for individuals with mental disabilities. These individuals do not qualify for state hospitalization, and many of the residents exchange their Social Security check for room and board, so there is no money available for any extras. Some are in quite difficult circumstances. All of them appreciate a thoughtful visit and gift. On Sunday, December 7, we will gather in the Great Hall and assemble all of our gifts into individual bags: a blanket, toiletries, warm socks, and cookies baked by you. We will then divide into teams and deliver the gifts to every personal care home resident in Jackson. Usually, we are finished by 3:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity for the entire church family to participate in our community together.

You can help by

- Giving a generous financial contribution
- Showing up on Saturday, December 6, at 8:00 a.m. to help unpack and set up for Sunday
- Baking cookies and bringing them in individual gift bags to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m.
- Showing up on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver bags to boarding homes

### **In-Home Communion**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and as we draw near to the season of Advent, Northminster will begin offering in-home communion. If you or your loved one is not able to attend our worship service, please contact us to arrange a time when we can bring communion to you. If you are interested in sharing communion where you reside, contact Marty Harper by emailing [marty@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:marty@northminsterbaptist.org) or by calling 601-954-4348.

### **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](mailto:angelsbyamy@aol.com) or 601-672-7448.

————— **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.

**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 14

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

**Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six**

Today at 5:00 p.m.

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

November 16: Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff  
Sparklers—TBA

November 23: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson  
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

**Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, December 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **Sunday, November 16**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH

5:00 p.m. Banner Bearer & Acolyte Training

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, November 17**

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

### **Wednesday, November 19**

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, November 23**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

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

The Deacon of the Week is Elizabeth Quinn.  
The Caregiving Chair for November is Susan O'Mara.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Guy Parker III.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Patricia McClure.  
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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