



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism in Jordan's water, You revealed Him as your own beloved Son. You anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

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

Baptism is the door of the spiritual life and the gateway to the sacraments.

—Thomas Aquinas

The Prelude “The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away” Bach

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. 78 *ST. ANNE*

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

*The Litany of Praise Anna Katherine Scott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

Leader: The voice of God is full of majesty.

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord.

—Book of Common Prayer
Psalms 29, 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

Anna Katherine Scott

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Cole Mahaffey

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Cole, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43

Lesley Ratcliff

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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

All truth and understanding is a result of a divine light, which is God Himself.

—Saint Augustine

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. 198

MARGARET

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

*The Offertory Prayer

Anna Katherine Scott

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

Matthew 3:13-17

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Epiphany”

Coker

From distant kingdoms, they followed a light.
Led not by faith but curiosity,
they saw what those nearby had failed to see.
Some paths are only visible at night.

How many others stars we've failed to look
upon since then? How many more to come?
Oblivion our universal tongue.
So much depends upon the ones who took

the long way home, rejecting royal word
to trust instead the wisdom of a dream.
While those in power looked for a shield and sword,
they, in a manger, found an infant king.

THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Presentation of the Candidates for Installation

Sunny Fowler, Rob Hill, George Luter,
Neely McGinnis, Nancy Smith, Kelley Williams, Jr.

The Charge to the Candidates

Scott Dickison

Pastor: Sunny, Rob, George, Neely, Nancy and Kelley, you have been turned to by your family of faith to serve the church in a special way. Do you trust in Jesus Christ as head of the church? Do you accept the meaning and power of the biblical witness in your lives? And do you believe that the Christian church has a mission relevant to the needs and challenges of our time?

Deacons: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Will you seek to serve the church with energy, intelligence, imagination, love, tolerance, and good humor?

Deacons: Yes, we will.

The Charge to the Congregation

Scott Dickison

Pastor: Do you, members of Northminster Baptist Church, accept these new deacons to lead us in the work of Christ?

People: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Do you promise to support them with your encouragement, prayers, and Christian love?

People: Yes, we do.

Pastor: Please join your hearts and voices in the church's prayer for these deacons:

Unison: Almighty God, in every time you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these whom you have called to serve in our midst. Grant them the necessary gifts to do the work. Make them wise and faithful, humble and prophetic, patient and persevering, glad to be what they are and expecting much from their life of service in the church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

Sunny Fowler
Rob Hill
George Luter
Neely McGinnis

The Pronouncement

Scott Dickison

Pastor: Sunny, Rob, George and Neely, you are now deacons. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Christ, giving thanks to God. Claim your ministry. Rejoice in the work you have been given. Lead us into the future with hope. Amen.

The Presentation of Towels and Certificates

Wilson Stribling

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

Repentance will not make you see Christ; but to see Christ will give you repentance.

—Charles Spurgeon

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648

ANGEL'S STORY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “God the Father, Name We Treasure”

Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 42:1-9, pages 584-585

Acts 10:34-43, page 895

Matthew 3:13-17, pages 784-785

Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday in the Christian year, the Sunday in the Western Church when we remember and ponder the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord Sunday is white. Today, however, the church is dressed in red, the liturgical color for ordinations and installations.

Notes on the Anthem

In addition to simply marking the end of the Advent/Christmas cycle, Epiphany also makes an important contribution to our celebration: a wider perspective. When the magi arrive, the Christmas story, once confined to the nativity, is expanded to include the whole world. Foreign travelers from distant lands and of a different faith are able to see and discern a movement of God that those nearby cannot, or will not. In these verses that Tim has once again generously set to music, I've tried to capture the wonder of these travelers and the grateful humility that comes with their arrival.

SHD

The roses on the altar are in celebration of the births of Susie Jain and Hana Rosa Bourne. The proud parents are Lloyd and Jain Bourne.

———— 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.

Congratulations to Lloyd and Jain Bourne on the birth of their twins, Susie Jain Bourne and Hana Rosa Bourne, Susie Jain and Hana Rosa are also welcomed by their brother, Anders Bourne, and Bo, Polly, Knowlton and Davis Bourne.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Libby McGee	Carla Holt
Virginia Hamilton	Sue Edwards	

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

January 15:	Deacons
January 22:	Skipper Jernigan
January 29:	Kirk Sims
February 5:	Joe Sims

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, January 21

Cooks:	Drivers:
Leah Hendrix	Rt. 1: James Bethea & John Dawson
Shari Culver	Rt. 2: Caroly Taff & Beverly Raddin
Carolyn McIntyre	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahjong Ministry

Next Hand

Today at 2:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

We will also play February 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17

Join us for one, some or all of the dates.

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

Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for this special evening service as we bear witness to the baptism of members of our congregation, and take time to remember our own time in the baptismal waters.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: roasted chicken, rice pilaf, carrot soufflé,
garden salad, rolls, cake and fruit

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Cade Montague,
Amy Moremen and Joe Rankin

Cashier: George Luter

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 18

immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Consider the recommendation to form a search committee
for an Associate Pastor for Community and Mission.

Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 18 through Sunday, March 1

9:15—10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

You are invited to a
WINTER CONCERT
a gift from Janet and John Clark
to celebrate
their 60th wedding anniversary.

Northminster Baptist Church

January 18, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Jorge Diez, *clarinet*
Shellie Kemp, *violin*
Bonnie Brown, *violin*
Ausra Jasinesiciute, *viola*
Mert Ozkan, *cello*
Cheryl Coker, *soprano*
Shirley Foster, *soprano*

ADULT STUDIES

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

Baptist Distinctives: An Exploration of Denominational Relations

January 25, February 1, April 19 and 26

Northminster provides financial and leadership support to a variety of Baptist ministry partners. Those partners are working in 4 basic platforms, each of which is related to a particular aspect of being Baptist: 1) Theological education; 2) News & Advocacy; 3) Network Support & Faith Formation; and 4) Long-term Mission Support. On January 25 and February 1, we will explore our investment in theological education and our work in the news & advocacy arena. In addition to information about our Baptist ministry partners, we will be joined by our former associate pastor, Stan Wilson, who will inform us about his role with RAWtools South.

The Birth of Satan: The Biblical Roots of the Evil One and Why He Won't Go Away

February 15, 22, March 1 and 8

Satan, Lucifer, Old Scratch, Beelzebub, the Prince of Darkness. His many names are evidence of how the Devil has captured the imagination like few other biblical characters. Yet much of the character we recognize was developed apart from the pages of scripture. Over these four weeks, using T.J. Wray and Gregory Mobley's fascinating book, *The Birth of Satan: Tracing the Devil's Biblical Roots*, as our guide, we will tease out what the bible actually says from what has been gathered from other sources. Finally, we'll talk about how we make sense of evil in the world, and how we might understand the character of the Adversary today.

Northminster Trivia Night

More details to come but get excited for fellowship and fun at Northminster's first Trivia Night which will close out Adult Studies for the semester.

Northminster Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 28—Sunday, March 1
Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS

Unrushed: Finding Sacred Rest

On this year's retreat, we will explore the gift of sabbath as a sacred unhurried way of being. We'll gather for a learning session on Saturday morning, vespers service and games on Saturday night, and a learning session and worship service mid-day on Sunday. The remaining time will be open for you to explore the gifts of sabbath. We'll have optional sessions on walking the labyrinth, creating art, practicing gentle movement, and settling into quiet meditation, and you will be able to find whatever holy rhythm suits your needs. As always, we'll laugh together, rest together, and savor plenty of good snacks along the way!

Cost: \$200 per person; \$250 for a single room
(Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.)

Questions or to register? Contact Lesley Ratcliff at
lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-927-0259.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Sunday Nights

5:00—6:30 p.m.

Stewpot

Saturday, February 7

Youth Sunday & Dessert Auction

February 8

Superbowl Party

February 8 at 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Atrium & Four5Six

will resume tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, January 13, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

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

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- January 11: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder
Firecrackers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Matt Thames
- January 18: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
- January 25: Firecrackers—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Elementary Service Day & Preschool Play Date

Monday, January 19, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Service Day: Children first through sixth grade are invited to join a service day in honor the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will meet in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. to put together blessing bags. At 10:00 a.m., we will carpool to the Resource Center to deliver the bags and learn more about the work of the Resource Center from Northminster members who volunteer there. We will return to Northminster around 11:00 a.m. to join the preschooler for a play date.

Play Date: Children in kindergarten and under are invited to father in the Great Hall at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and a bounce house. We will wrap up around 1:00 p.m.

Girls' and Guys' Scavenger Hunts

Girls—Sunday, January 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Guys—Sunday, February 1, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

First through sixth graders are invited to join us for a scavenger hunt and a snack on their respective dates. We'll meet at the children's area to start the hunts. Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 6, 2026, 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, February 4. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptism/
Deacon Ordination
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Baptism of the Lord Vespers Service

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 18

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Concert, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Bill Thompson.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Becky Wooley.
The Liturgist for January is Joe Rankin.
The flowers for January are provided by Geri Smith, Jennifer
Stribling, Jane Claire Williams and Kathryn Davis.
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

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

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