



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

—“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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



\*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

Cole Mahaffey

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

A willing heart is the first step in finding God's will in our lives.  
We cannot expect God to force us or to plead with us about the  
calling in our lives.

—David Jeremiah

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 trespass-  
es, 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. 514

*ASSURANCE*

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Cole Mahaffey

The Offertory

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

\*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

John 1:29-42

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“How Lovely Are the Messengers”

Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of  
peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

The Sermon

“Come and See”

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

God’s life and love flow through you as soon as you are ready to allow it. That is the core meaning of faith— dare to trust that God could, will, and does have an eternal compassion toward you.

—Richard Rohr

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 22

*ST. THOMAS*

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Weber

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 49:1-7, page 592

Psalm 40:1-11, page 446

John 1:29-42, pages 862-863

**Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany in Ordinary Time.** Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after Epiphany continues that emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Also known as “Growing Time,” the liturgical color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Today  
immediately following the worship service

#### **Agenda**

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

## ————— 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

Beth Israel Congregation

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Libby McGee

Virginia Hamilton

Carla Holt

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 22: Skipper Jernigan

January 29: Kirk Sims

February 5: Joe Sims

February 12: Mike Peters

### **Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, January 21

Cooks:

Leah Hendrix

Shari Culver

Carolyn McIntyre

Drivers:

Rt. 1: James Bethea &

John Dawson

Rt. 2: Carol Taff &

Beverly Raddin

————— **ANNOUNCEMENTS** —————

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

**Northminster Baptist Church**

Today at 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*

**Lunch and Learn  
with Katie Blount**

Tuesday, January 20  
12:00—1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Katie Blount is director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, a position she has held since 2015. Katie will share with us about her work helping the department oversee the Two Mississippi Museums and other historic sites across the state.

While the deadline to register has passed, if you would still like to attend, please see Lesley after worship or email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

**Northminster Essentials**

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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: roast beef, smashed potatoes,  
green beans, garden salad, rolls and cake

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Sara Cox, Cade Montague and Carol Taff

Cashier: George Luter

## **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 who work in four basic platforms, each related to a particular aspect of being Baptist: 1) Theological Education; 2) News and Advocacy; 3) Network Support and 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 and advocacy arena. In addition to learning 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 evince the way the devil has captured the popular imagination like few other biblical characters. Yet much of the character we recognize was developed apart from 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 distinguish what the bible actually says from what originates 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**

May 3

More details coming soon—but expect fellowship and fun at Northminster's first Trivia Night, which will close out Adult Studies for the semester.

## **Mahjong Ministry**

### **Next Hand**

February 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

We will also play 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 do so.

## **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](mailto: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

Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money to support our ministry. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, contact Jennifer Stribling at 601-209-2223 or [jenniferstribling@me.com](mailto:jenniferstribling@me.com).

### **Superbowl Party**

February 8 at 5:00 p.m.

## ———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

### **Atrium & Four5Six**

tonight at 5:00 p.m.

### **Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- January 18: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson  
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
- January 25: Firecrackers—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill  
Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett
- February 1: Firecrackers—Laura & Patrick Taylor  
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson
- February 8: Chapel Coordinators—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn  
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Lida & Gregg  
Caraway

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

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

**Service Day:** Children in first through sixth grade are invited to join a service day in honor of 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 preschoolers for a play date.

**Play Date:** Children in kindergarten and under are invited to gather 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](mailto: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.

**Children's Birthday Gathering**

Tuesday, February 10, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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





## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

### **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
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Winter Concert, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, YH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, January 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 9:00 a.m. MLK Service Day
- 11:00 a.m. MLK Playdate

### **Tuesday, January 20**

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn, GH
- 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR
- 4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

### **Wednesday, January 21**

- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, January 23**

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Sanctuary

## **THE CHURCH IN SERVICE-continued**

### **Saturday, January 24**

9:00 a.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service, Chapel

10:45 a.m. Beth Israel Torah Study, Chapel

### **Sunday, January 25**

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. Committee Orientation & Lunch, GH

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir

5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six

5:00 p.m. Youth, 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 January is Sarah Reynolds.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Gail England.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Sarah Love.  
The Liturgist for January is Joe Rankin.  
The flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling.  
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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