



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

O God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

—Collect, Solemnity of the Epiphany

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 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

Happiness is the harvest of a quiet mind. Anchor your thoughts on peace, poise, security, and divine guidance, and your mind will be productive of happiness.

—Joseph Murphy

The Prelude “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” Blair

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Christmas Banner Evelyn Sims

*The Processional Hymn No. 181 *DIX*

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

*The Litany of Praise Joe Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose light is for all people.

All: Let us rejoice in the revelation of Christ.

—an improvisation on Isaiah 60:1

*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 Joe Rankin

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The lamp of divine guidance is in your hand. Pour the oil of faith in it. It doesn't illuminate the whole path at once. It guides you one step at a time.

—Shunya

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. 186 *WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*
"Wise Men, They Came to Look"

*The Offertory Prayer Joe Rankin

The Offertory "As with Gladness Men of Old" 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!**

————— 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	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 8:	Jeff Wilson
January 15:	Deacons
January 22:	Skipper Jernigan
January 29:	Kirk Sims

Meals on Wheels

Monday, January 5

Cooks:	Rt. 1 Drivers:
Peggy Brady	Susan & Charles O'Mara
Rebecca Starling	Rt. 2 Drivers:
Amanda Milam	TBA

Wednesday, January 21

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

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 7

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

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

Menu: pork loin, roasted potatoes, spinach sauté,
caesar salad, rolls and cake

Servers: Jennifer Carter, Sara Cox,

Susan Phillips and Judy Rankin

Cashier: George Luter

Baptism of the Lord Vesper Service

Sunday, January 11

5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you are interested in receiving baptism at
this service, please contact one of the pastors.

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*

Lunch and Learn with Katie Blount

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
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 talk with us about her work at the department that oversees the Two Mississippi Museums and other historic sites across the state.

The cost will be \$10 per person. Please RSVP by January 15 by emailing Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or calling the church office.

Northminster Women's Retreat

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

————— **YOUTH NEWS** —————

Youth Sunday School

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

Twelfth-Night Bonfire

Today

Meet at the Youth House at 4:30 to caravan to the bonfire in Flowood. All college students who are home for Christmas and any former youth who are in town are welcome and encouraged to join us. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Youth Sunday Nights

5:00—6:30 p.m.

will resume January 11.

Youth Sunday & Dessert Auction

February 8

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- January 4: Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
 Sparklers—Mary Hastings & Gray Samson
- January 11: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder
 Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway
 Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Matt Thames

Parents' Night Out

Friday, January 9, 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, January 7. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive, or provide a brown-bag supper.

Atrium & Four5Six

will resume at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, January 4

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

4:30 p.m. Youth Bonfire, meet at YH

Monday, January 5

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, January 6

2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR

5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, January 7

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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH

5:30 p.m. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

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. Youth, YH

5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Sarah Reynolds.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Gail England.
The Caregiver of the Week is Gail England.
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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