



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

I arise, facing East,
I am asking toward the light,
I am asking that my day
shall be beautiful with light.
I am asking that the place
where my feet are shall be light,
that as far as I can see
I shall follow it aright.
I am asking for the courage
to go forward through the shadow,
I am asking toward the light.

—Mary Austin

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

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 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

Lord, teach us how to pray. There's a busy part of us that urges us to always be out doing something. But you've told us that being quiet with you is essential, too. How can we know what you want us to do if we don't take time out to listen to you? Help us not to be afraid of what we might learn if we are still. Let our lives be a work of peace because we have discovered you and ourselves in you.

—Pat Corrick Hinton

The Prelude “The God of Abraham Praise” Page

The Call to Worship “Christ Is the World's Light” Coker

Christ is the world's light, Christ whom we adore. Born in our darkness, he became our brother; if we have seen him, we have seen the Father. Glory to God on high! Amen.

*The Processional Hymn No. 2 *NICAEA*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*The Litany of Praise George Luter

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We come before the presence of our God. Let us join our voices in praise of the name of our Lord!

People: Holy is our God! Alleluia!

Leader: The Lord our God is Creator.

People: Justice and Equity are names for the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord our God is Redeemer.

People: Transformation and Fulfillment are names for the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord our God is Sustainer.

People: Wisdom and Hope are names for the Lord our God.

Leader: We stand on the holy mountain of our God.

All: Holy is the Lord our God! Alleluia! Amen.

*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

George Luter

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Exodus 24:12-18
II Peter 1:16-21

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The cause for prayer is often a desire for a change in circumstances. The effect of prayer is usually a need for a change of heart. Loving God, hear our prayer.

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. 651

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*The Offertory Prayer

George Luter

The Offertory “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Manz

*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 17:1-9

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“He Comes to Us”

Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words, "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

—Albert Schweitzer

The Sermon

“On the Mountaintop”

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

This is how we make important changes – barely, poorly, slowly.
And still, [Jesus] raises His fist in triumph.

—Anne Lamott
Small Victories

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 *ANGEL'S STORY*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*The Benediction *Scott Dickison*

*The Postlude “Let the Earth Rejoice” *Wood*

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Exodus 24:12-18, page 62

II Peter 1:16-21, page 987

Matthew 17:1-9, page 798

Today is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, recalling Christ’s appearance in glory to his disciples on the mountain top, at which time God affirmed Jesus as “beloved Son.” The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the glory of Christ.

————— 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

Lillian McMullan is hospitalized at Baptist.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Virginia Hamilton	Libby McGee
Carla Holt	Beth Israel Congregation	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

February 19:	Charles O'Mara
February 26:	Bryan Bridges
March 5:	Bo Allen
March 12:	Jeff Wilson
March 19:	Bill Thompson

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, February 18

Cooks:	Drivers:
Missy Caver	Rt. 1: Laine & Bob Hardin
Judy Rankin	Rt. 2: Rob Hill &
Helen Turner	Rebecca Starling

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

Mahjong Ministry

Next Hand

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

We will also play on 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.

Adult Studies

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

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

Tonight, February 22 and March 1, 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.

Baptist Distinctives: An Exploration of Denominational Relations

April 19, 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Supper and The Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday, February 18

The Imposition of Ashes

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

Service in the sanctuary immediately after supper.

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

Menu: seafood pasta, broccoli, salad and king cake

Servers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague,

Sandi Rhoden and John Tingle

Cashier: George Luter

The Great Hall Series

The Great Hall Series is a new Sunday School offering that will meet in the Great Hall three to four times a year. These sessions are designed as short-term, stand-alone experiences open to anyone. On Great Hall Series Sundays, some Sunday School classes will meet as usual, while others will pause and participate in the Great Hall Series instead. This format allows flexibility for both classes and individuals while offering a shared learning opportunity at several points throughout the year. Our first offering will be Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent.

Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent

Sundays, February 22-March 29

The word “sabbath” comes from the Hebrew word for “to stop,” and in practice involves the deliberate pause, or laying aside, of secondary concerns to make room for primary ones. This ancient biblical rhythm provides a beautiful backdrop for our observance of Lent, as we reorient our lives toward the cross and the miracle and mystery of resurrection. Over the Sundays of Lent, Scott will lead a special Lenten study, pairing scripture with the work of Wendell Berry, who has devoted many Sundays to writing “sabbath poetry,” reflecting on this holy ideal. Come join us for discussion, reflection, renewal, and breakfast!

An Invitation from Rabbi Ben

Dear Friends,

I want to begin simply by saying thank you. Your friendship, your prayers, and your public support have meant more to our congregation than I can adequately express. In moments when solidarity matters most, you have shown up — and we are deeply grateful.

On Friday evening, February 27, we have the joy of welcoming acclaimed Jewish musician Julie Silver for a special Musical Shabbat at Northminster Baptist Church. It would be our honor to share this evening with you and members of your congregation.

Julie Silver is one of our most beloved voices in contemporary Jewish music. For more than two decades, she has composed and performed music that blends traditional Hebrew liturgy with heartfelt original songs. Her gift is creating sacred space through song — music that is joyful, accessible, and deeply rooted in faith and community.

We hope you will join us not only in solidarity, but in celebration. This evening is as much a thank-you to our interfaith partners as it is a Shabbat service. It is a chance to gather, breathe, sing, and be together.

Services will begin at 6:15 p.m., and all are warmly welcome.

With appreciation and friendship,

Student Rabbi Ben Russell
Beth Israel Congregation
Jackson, Mississippi

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.)

While the deadline to sign up has passed, if you would still like to attend,
please email Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.

Two Opportunities for Lenten Crafting

Lenten Connection for Senior Adults

Tuesday, March 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Senior Adult Committee invites you to participate in a creative art gathering in the Great Hall, Tuesday, March 3. Participants will craft clay crosses or other Lenten symbols under the guidance of Amy Williams. There will be light refreshments, a devotion and good fellowship!

There's no charge for the event, but registration needs to be made by emailing Marty Harper at marty@northminsterbaptist.org.

Lenten Women's Gathering

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to an evening of creativity, connection, and reflection during the season of Lent. We will gather in the Great Hall to create clay crosses or other Lenten symbols under the guidance of Amy Williams.

The evening will include a light supper, a brief Lenten reflection, and time for meaningful conversation and fellowship.

There is no charge, but registration is requested so we can prepare supplies and supper. Please reach out to lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

Save the Date

Protection Policy Training

for all who volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults

Sunday, March 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

————— **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.

Spring Break Trip to Dauphin Island, AL

March 8-11

Cost: \$200

Get away from the semester and join us at the beach! Space is limited, so reserve your spot online or in the church office.

More Upcoming Dates

Stewpot

Saturday, April 4

Liturgy of the Light

Sunday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome Night

Sunday, April 19, 5:00 p.m.

Senior Recognition and End-of-the-Year Party

Sunday May 3

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Atrium & Four5Six

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- February 15: Firecrackers—Blair & Ryder Taff
Sparklers—Amanda & Trey Clark
- February 22: Firecrackers—Anne & Parker Snow
Sparklers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
- March 1: Chapel Coordinators—Lida & Gregg Caraway
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Miles & David Munn
- March 8: Firecrackers—Jennifer & Drew Rymer
Sparklers—Sarah & Nick Newcomb

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, March 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, March 27, 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, March 25. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

Save the Date

Bible Camp 2026

July 24-26

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, February 15

- 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. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH
- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium, Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

Monday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 18

- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, GH
- 6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

- 4:30 p.m. Legacy Cmte., L/CR

Friday, February 20

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat

Saturday, February 21

- 8:30 a.m. Deacon Retreat, L/CR

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE-continued

Sunday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Northminster Essentials, L/CR

9:15 a.m. The Great Hall Series, GH

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 Sunday Night, YH

5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Sunny Fowler.

The Caregiving Chair for February is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Faye Barham
and Helen Turner.

The Caregivers of the Week are Cathy and Jeff Davis.

The Liturgist for February is Holly Wiggs.

The flowers for February are provided by Jill Buckley,
Kathryn Sams, Lesley Mosby and Lawana McLennan.

The Usher Captain for February 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

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