



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The humility of Jesus can be seen in the crib, in the exile to Egypt, in the hidden life, in the inability to make people understand Him, in the desertion of His apostles, in the hatred of His persecutors, in all the terrible suffering and death of His Passion, and now in His permanent state of humility in the tabernacle, where He has reduced Himself to such a small particle of bread that the priest can hold Him with two fingers. The more we empty ourselves, the more room we give God to fill us.

—Mother Teresa

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.

—Andrew Murray

The Prelude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Pethel

Call to Worship “Enter the Holy Gates” Saint-Saens

Enter the holy gates with adoration;
Bring the Lord an offering in the holy place.

Let heav'n rejoice, and let earth ring out praises.
Let all exult at the face of the Lord, for he comes, Alleluia!

*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Mary Tait Hendrix

*The Processional Hymn No. 203 *ELLACOMBE*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*The Litany of Praise Luke Dove

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: On this Palm Sunday, time is marked as one small donkey plods towards Jerusalem.

People: Not in the power of horses and swift victory, but in small, steady steps.

Leader: Toward the mystery that through suffering, healing comes.

People: That through shame, dignity is restored.

Leader: That through the cross, powers are disarmed and death done away with forever.

People: Blessed are all those walking forward in the great, small work they do.

Leader: And blessed are we, joining the crowds, waving palm branches to shout

All: ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Amen.

—Kate Bowler
The Lives We Actually Have, 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

Luke Dove

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The great wisdom traditions of the world all recognize that the main impediment to living a life of meaning is being self-absorbed.

—Barbara Brown Taylor

The Confession

Marty Harper

Leader: People of God, let us call to mind the faithfulness and mercy of God and confess our sins, first in the silence of our own hearts and then together.

Silence is kept

Leader: We have wounded your love.

People: O God, heal us.

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world, transfigure us.

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Silence is kept

Leader: Lord our God,

All: In our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With the apostle Paul, we are convinced

All: That neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: May the mercy of God forgive us, strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us safe in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Marty Harper

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. 212 *WONDROUS LOVE*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*The Offertory Prayer Luke Dove

The Offertory “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Hustad

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love, so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

The Sermon “The Space Between” 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

So the divine love is sacrificial love. Love does not mean to have and to own and to possess. It means to be had and to be owned and to be possessed. It is not a circle circumscribed by self; it is arms outstretched to embrace all humanity within its grasp.

—Archbishop Fulton John Sheen

*The Recessional Hymn No. 224

HENDON

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Fugue on the Kyrie”

Couperin

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Philippians 2:5-11, page 954

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, pages 492-493

Matthew 21:1-11, page 802

Today is Palm Sunday, the day commemorating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday stands at the beginning of Holy Week, the seven-day period preceding Easter which recalls the Passion of Jesus. Today is also the final Sunday in the season of Lent. The liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.

————— **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

Catherine Hunt is recovering at home.

Salena Fortenberry is in rehab at The Madison.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Virginia Hamilton

Libby McGee

Carla Holt

Beth Israel Congregation

Sue Edwards

Lyllian McMullan

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

April 2: Mitch Peters
April 9: Joe Sims
April 16: Neely McGinnis
April 23: Mike Peters

Meals on Wheels

Monday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 15

Cooks:	Drivers:
Jim Blackwood	Rt. 1: James Bethea
Amy Moremen	Rt. 2: Beverly Raddin
Kathryn Davis	

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

HOLY WEEK AT NORTHMINSTER

**The Northminster Choir presents
The Seven Last Words of Christ**

Tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) composed "The Seven Last Words of Christ" in 1867 for his choir in Paris. The work is scored for full orchestra, chorus and soloists, and contains eight movements. The work opens with a soprano solo that utilizes a traditional text sung at Tenebrae services: "O all you who pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow." The text originates from Lamentations 1:12, originally describing the destruction of Jerusalem, but heavily adapted in Christian tradition to depict the suffering of Christ on the cross or the sorrow of the Virgin Mary. It is the sorrow of Mary that Dubois points toward. It acts as a meditation on the Passion, inviting believers to empathize with the intense grief of Christ.

Successive movements two through eight take one of Christ's final utterances and combine chorus and soloists into a dramatic narrative supported by full orchestra. Following the Seventh Word with its dramatic sudden darkness and earthquake, Dubois concludes his sacred cantata with a hymn-like setting of the medieval antiphon Adoramus Te, Christe. The contrast with the immediately preceding music and compelling drama of the Passion story provides a foretaste of the resurrection.

Holy Week Meditation

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Chapel

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Church-Wide Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall
(during the Sunday School hour)

Servers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague,
Amy Moremen and Susan Phillips

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper April 1.

**An Easter Tale
A Play by John Maxwell**

Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.
Galloway United Methodist Church

This new play by renowned playwright and actor John Maxwell explores the disciples' spiritual and relational state in the hours between the crucifixion and the resurrection. Listen in on this upper room scene at this Easter weekend performance.

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Northminster's backyard.

Preschool and Elementary age children can bring their baskets and will hunt for eggs at 5:45 p.m.

Servers: Hilda Botler, Amy Moremen,
and Judy & Joe Rankin

Liturgy of the Light

A child-led worship service for all
Sunday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Lunch & Learn with Liz Brister

Tuesday, April 14
12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall
Cost: \$10.00

Liz Brister is president of Downtown Jackson Partners, an organization which works to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work and play in downtown Jackson. Liz will speak about DJP's current undertakings, and their goal to prove that downtown Jackson isn't just Mississippi's urban heart—it's a place worth falling in love with all over again. Please RSVP by April 10 to lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-982-4703.

Facilities Repairs and Maintenance

To help us keep our facilities in good condition, please email facilities@northminsterbaptist.org if you notice anything that needs repair or maintenance—no matter how big or small.

Greer Gunter, Northminster's Facilities Manager, and the Building Maintenance Committee will use these emails to log requests, follow up on them, and identify any recurring problems so they can be addressed efficiently.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

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

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

Stewpot

Saturday, April 4

Liturgy of the Light

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

Youth Ministries Committee Zoom Call

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

We will have a brief youth committee check-in via Zoom. A link will be sent to members.

Welcome Night

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

Senior Recognition and End-of-the-Year Party

Sunday May 3

Youth Passport Missions

June 28-July 3

Registration is now open for our time of fun and service together in Harrisonburg, VA. Cost: \$300 with a \$75 deposit to reserve your spot by April 19. Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Geoff Davidson.

————— **CHILDREN'S NEWS** —————

Atrium & Four5Six

All children who participate in Sunday Night activities will gather in the Firecracker room at 5:00 p.m. for a Stations of the Cross activity.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- April 5: 8:00 a.m. Service
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Anna & Andy Frame
- April 5: 10:30 a.m. Service
Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Gates & Kyle Skene
- April 12: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Mary Kathryn & Bo Allen

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, April 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, April 17, 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, April 15. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

First—Sixth Grades

Guys vs Girls

Game Day

Sunday, April 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Contact Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org to sign up.

Save the Date
Crowded Table
Children's Bible Camp 2026

July 24-26
Friday 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Questions? Please contact Sandra Triplett,
sandratriplett23@gmail.com or 601-278-3817.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. The Great Hall Series, GH
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Presentation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 30

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, March 31

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel

Wednesday, April 1

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Week Meditation, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae

Saturday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Youth Stewpot

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE-continued

Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast, GH

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Neely McGinnis.
The Caregiving Chair for March is Susan O'Mara.
The Caregiving Coordinator for March is Jean Welsh.
The Caregiver of the Week is Julie Wooley.
The Liturgist for March is Elizabeth Quinn.
The flowers for March are provided by Leah Hendrix, Becky
Frame, Kathryn Davis, Kandy Sims and Lisa Kelly.
The Usher Captain for March 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
Facilities Manager	Greer Gunter

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