



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Day is a time to marvel at how that amazing grace still touches and transforms human lives, causing the most unlikely souls, even those beside railroad tracks, even those in grand cathedrals, even once-a-year visitors, even those who haven't a clue, even ourselves, to sing to the point of shouting:

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

—Thomas Ehrich, *“On A Journey”*

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\*The Litany of Praise

Wilson Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

**People: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!**

**All: Hallelujah! 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

Wilson Stribling

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Almighty God, who raised from the dead the One we now call Lord,  
even Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that in truth we are unworthy of  
Your remarkable grace. We have said the right things, but we have  
not lived as if Your promises are true, for they are too good to be true  
and we are strangers to such goodness.

—Roger Paynter

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. 243

*TRURO*

“Christ Is Alive!”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Wilson Stribling

The Offertory

“Alleluia”

Waters

\*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 20:1-18

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Fanfare for Easter”

Marshall

Alleluia! Now is Christ risen from the dead  
and is become the first-fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death,  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
Alleluia!

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

**People: When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and was met with violence and death. By your power, he broke free from the prison of the tomb. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Our Lord Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

**People: On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.**

Pastor: By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.



*\*The congregation will please stand.*

† Eight o'clock service

‡ Ten-thirty o'clock service

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, pages 492-493

Colossians 3:1-4, page 957

John 20:1-18, pages 882-883

**Today is Easter Sunday**, the day the church throughout the world celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, and the inaugural day of the sacred season of Eastertide. Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor. The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.

———— 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 Highland Home.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS**

Gorman Schafer

Virginia Hamilton

Libby McGee

Carla Holt

Lyllian McMullan

Sue Edwards

Martha Quarles

Beth Israel Congregation

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 9

Joe Sims

April 16

Neely McGinnis

April 22

TBA

**Meals on Wheels**  
Monday, April 6

Cooks:  
Amanda Milam  
  
Peggy Brady  
Rebecca Starling

Drivers:  
Rt. 1: Susan & Charles  
O'Mara  
Rt. 2: Pat & Mike Beall

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

**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](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601-982-4703.

## **Women's Book Study**

The Meaning of Mary Magdalene:  
Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity

By Cynthia Bourgeault

Tuesdays, April 14-May 5  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Supper will be provided for \$10 per person. Call or email Lesley at 601-982-4703 or [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) with questions.

Register Now!

## **Gardening Connection**

Tuesday, April 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

The Senior Adult Ministries Committee invites people of all ages to a floral and garden event featuring Emily Grohovsky of Cedar Hill Gardens and church member Kandy Sims of Everyday Gardener. This interactive event will include learning about raised gardens, flower beds and landscaping.

Emily is the founder and owner of Cedar Hill Gardens in Madison. She consults, designs and builds beautiful turnkey kitchen gardens, and in 2024 she appeared on HGTV's Home Town.

Kandy is a retired art teacher from Jackson Academy and serves as historian for The Garden Club of Jackson. She is known for creating beautiful floral arrangements.

Register by emailing Neely at [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org).

For more information, please contact Marty at [marty@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:marty@northminsterbaptist.org).

### **Facilities Repairs and Maintenance**

To help us keep our facilities in good condition, please email [facilities@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto: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. There will be donuts and good conversation.

### **Sunday Nights at the Youth House**

Will not meet tonight.

### **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 and Four5Six**

Will not meet tonight.

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

- April 5: 8:00 a.m. Service  
Firecrackers & Sparkler—Anna & Andy Frame  
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-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sandratriplett23@gmail.com) or 601-278-3817.

**The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in memory of:**

Lyllian Norine Shaul by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Clementine and Henry Brown by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Norine and Tom Thames by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Ellen O'Neal Mitchell by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Sissy Fenoglio by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Dudley & Inez Wilson by Cindy and Jeff Wilson and Beth Peterson  
Kenton and Dorothy Polk by Cindy and Jeff Wilson  
Mr. Roger P. Friou by Susie Friou  
Susan Tingle Felker by John & Carol Tingle  
Alfalene Vardaman Morse by John & Carol Tingle  
E. Jerry Vardaman by John & Carol Tingle  
Essam Ackleh by John & Carol Tingle  
Gray and Eda Jackson by Gray Jackson III and Dabbs, Jeffery, Logan,  
Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey  
Wayne and Zeita Parker by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Barry and Carolyn Aden by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Barbara Stribling Davis by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Pete and Ann Townsend by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Jo Ann Ratliff by Gray Jackson  
Mark Wiggs by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Linda McGehee by Gray Jackson  
Roger Paynter by Gray Jackson  
Barbara Oliver by Gray Jackson  
Bill Pharr by Gray Jackson  
Homer and Jane Best by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Alan E. Stallings III by Carrie Ann and Alan Stallings  
Dr. John B. Milam by Sherry and Amanda Milam  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards by Sherry and Amanda Milam  
Dr. and Mrs. John T. Milam by Sherry and Amanda Milam  
Lynn Milam Granberry by Sherry and Amanda Milam  
Emily Lewis Smith by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Rymer and  
Sarah Newcomb  
Jane Causey Lewis by George Smith, Stephen Smith, Jennifer Rymer and  
Sarah Newcomb  
Mark Wiggs by Christine Liberto  
J. Clifford and Martha Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Kyra Robertson Watson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
J. Clifford Watson, Jr. by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Behm by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robertson by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Tracey R. Cohen by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Janice Tyre by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Charles Bacon by his Northminster friends  
Barbara Stribling Davis by Wilson, Jennifer, Roger, Bennett and  
Celia Stribling  
Robert Sentilles by Wilson, Jennifer, Roger, Bennett and Celia Stribling  
Callie Amanda Ivy Daniels-Bryant by Monica E. Daniels  
Virgil Brawley by Monica E. Daniels  
Linda Rogers McGehee by Monica E. Daniels  
Kathy Graves Miller by the Wylie family  
Gib Graves by the Wylie family  
Lynn Riales by the Wylie family  
Carolyn Aden, Barry Aden and Robert Joseph Mahaffey by Eddie,  
Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nick Mahaffey  
Ruel and Ruth Trotter by Billy and Annette Trotter  
Myron and Margaret Virgin by Billy and Annette Trotter  
Anne Peters by Mike and Tonia Peters  
Jim and Sue Peters by Mike and Tonia Peters  
Louis and Dorothy Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith  
Felicita and Jason Smith by Randall and Brenda Smith  
Lawrence and Merle Crumpton and Gayle Crumpton by Randall and  
Brenda Smith  
George and Jan Purvis by John and Gayla Purvis  
Richard and Ruth Ballard by John and Gayla Purvis  
Mary Anna Garraway by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
Fox Garraway by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
Howard McMillan, Jr. by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
Elizabeth and W. R. Newman by Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre  
Anne Black and John McIntyre by Carolyn and Buddy McIntyre  
Eleanor Maxine (Mickey) Brunson by Cindy Brunson  
William C. (Bill) Brunson by Cindy Brunson  
Mary and Jim Hendrick by Ann Hendrick  
Ethan Clark by Ann Hendrick  
Mark Wiggs by Ann Hendrick  
Dr. S.H. "Mac" McDonnieal and Ann Reese McDonnieal by their family  
Fran McDonnieal by her family  
Mr. and Mrs. George S. Walker by Betty Brown Walker Edgar

Martin Hillard McMullan by M'lee and Kelley Williams  
Johnathan Barringer by the Garraway family

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Amanda and Jody Tucker family by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Caroline and Roman Shaul family by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Mary Herschel Thames, Malone Gregory, Eddie Bracey and George  
Coleman by Tommy and Suzan Thames  
Stuart and Bonnie Friou by Susie Friou  
Tom and Lily Friou by Susie Friou  
Suzan and Tommy Thames by Susie Friou  
Judy and Guy Parker by Susie Friou  
Suzanne Boone by Susie Friou  
James O. Morse by John and Carol Tingle  
Gerry and Ann Lauman by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Rebecca Wiggs by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Suzanne Boone by Gray Jackson and Dabbs Massey  
Susie Friou by Gray Jackson  
Lyllian McMullan by Gray Jackson  
Kelley and Jean Williams by Gray Jackson  
Anne Brawley by Gray Jackson  
Amy Finkelberg by Gray Jackson  
Suzanne Boone by Neely Grimsley  
Marty Harper by Neely Grimsley  
Richard and Marilyn Joiner by Kim, Kyle, George and Wesley Watson  
Rose Waverly Daniels by Monica E. Daniels  
Andrew Parker Bryant by Monica E. Daniels  
Madeleine and Mary Gilbert Wylie by Hart Wylie and Megan Wylie  
Our Pastors by the Wylie family  
Tim Coker by the Youth Choir  
Dean Mahaffey by Eddie, Barrie, Cole, Andrew and Nick Mahaffey  
Cole, Andrew and Nick Mahaffey by Eddie and Barrie Mahaffey  
Diane McGowan by Leslie and Trip Wells  
Eleanor Lamar Wells by Leslie and Trip Wells  
Mitch, Ceejaye, Anna Mitchell, Elizabeth and Eleanor Peters by Mike  
and Tonia Peters  
Sam, Courtney, Savannah, Marshall and Milton Peters by Mike and  
Tonia Peters

Tim and Katie, Parker and Henry Frame by Tim and Becky Frame  
Andy and Anna, Sybil and Davis Frame by Tim and Becky Frame  
John and Gayla Purvis by Tim and Becky Frame  
Elizabeth Triplett by John and Gail England  
Katie Love Owen by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
Mary Hastings Samson by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
West Garraway by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
Hastings Owen by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
James Alston Owen by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
John Gray Samson by Eliza and Rick Garraway  
M'lee Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams  
Amy Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams  
Stacy Williams by Jean and Kelley Williams  
Jean and James Kelley Williams by M'lee and Kelley Williams  
Lyllian McMullan by M'lee and Kelley Williams  
Mary and Chico Taylor by Elizabeth Barton

## THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

### **Sunday, April 5**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, GH

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

### **Monday, April 6** - *The Church Office is closed.*

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

### **Wednesday, April 8**

5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 10**

10:30 a.m. Spann Organ Demonstration

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

### **Sunday, April 12**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:00 a.m. Mentor Program Kickoff

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble

4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Light Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Light

## MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

### Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Kelley Williams, Jr.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Guy Parker III.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Julie Wooley.

The Caregiver of the Week is Guy Parker III.

The Liturgist for April is Gray Jackson.

The flowers for April are provided by Lisa Kelly, Kathryn Sams, Geri Smith and Jane Claire Williams.

The Usher Captain for April is Keith Davis.

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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