



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Prayer

Oh, God of light and life
Thank you for the opportunity to resurrect
Doubt with faith
Sin by forgiveness
Shallowness with depth
Thank you
We fail and fall far away
Time and time again
But for all eternity
You
Forgive
Restore
Use emptiness
Thank you for second chances
Amen

—Linda Rogers McGehee

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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

You see, we don't just walk into the valley of the shadow of death, we walk through that valley to the light on the other side. When Easter becomes an event for us, we lose our fear of death and that opens the way to fall in love with life.

May God let Easter happen, and take away our fear.

—John Claypool, *“Easter and the Fear of Death”*

The Prelude “Christ the Lord Is Risen” Pethel

The Call to Worship “Christ Is Risen. Alleluia!” Coker
Christ is risen. Alleluia!

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Jimmy O’Beirne

*The Processional Hymn No. 254 *ODE TO JOY*
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*The Litany of Praise Cindy Griffin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: For the sweet relief of life
 that defies the power of death,
 We sing aloud:

People: Alleluia! God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: For stones rolled away and stones beneath our feet
that witness to God's power to always do a new thing,
We sing aloud:

People: Alleluia! God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: For the unearned grace of forgiveness
that heals our brokenness and calls us to new ways,
We sing aloud:

People: Alleluia! God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: For the glimpse of our Lord upon each face
that cheers our spirits and changes our hearts,
We sing aloud:

All: Alleluia! God's steadfast love endures forever!

—Rachel Hackenberg

*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

Cindy Griffin

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The Lord has risen, but stones of disbelief remain.

If we really believed, would we not live in faith renewed each day?

If we really believed, would we not labor constantly toward a world

that fulfills the promise of the risen Christ?
Help our unbelief, Lord, as we roll away all the stones and live by
faith in our living Christ.

—Richard Joiner

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. 247

LANCASHIRE

“The Day of Resurrection”

*The Offertory Prayer

Cindy Griffin

The Offertory

“This Joyful Eastertide”

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!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Christ Is Now Arisen”

Scott

Now the song is begun, for the battle is done,
And the victory won: now the foe is scattered:
Death’s dark prison shattered:
Sing of joy; And today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

They that followed in pain shall not follow to reign,
And the crown shall obtain;
They were sore assaulted, they shall be exalted:
Sing of joy; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore,
When the conflict is o’er;
There is joy supernal; there is peace eternal;
Sing of life; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

Then be brave, then be true, ye despised and ye few,
For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you,
Spreads His buckler o’er you.
Sing of strength; Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

Lo, the vict’ry is won, and the foe is scattered,
Death’s dark prison shattered!
Hallelujah, earth and skies bid it rise,
Christ is now arisen! Hallelujah!
Come today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

Davan Sagara, *trumpet*
Sebastian Martinez, *trumpet*
Jude Morris, *trombone*
James Wilson, *trombone*

The Sermon

“Resurrection Continued”

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

The earliest reference to the Resurrection is Saint Paul's, and he makes no mention of an empty tomb at all. But the fact of the matter is that in a way it hardly matters how the body of Jesus came to be missing because in the last analysis what convinced the people that he had risen from the dead was not the absence of his corpse but his living presence. And so it has been ever since.

—Frederick Buechner

- *The Recessional Hymn No. 239 DUKE STREET
 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
- *The Benediction Scott Dickison
- *The Postlude “At the Lamb’s High Feast” Grams

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 16, pages 430-431

I Peter 1:3-9, page 983

John 20:19-31, page 883

Today is the Second Sunday 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 16

Neely McGinnis

April 22

TBA

April 29

TBA

Meals on Wheels Wednesday, April 15

Cooks:

Jim Blackwood

Amy Moremen

Kathryn Davis

Drivers:

Rt. 1: James Bethea

Rt. 2: Beverly Raddin

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Liturgy of the Light

A child-led worship service for all

Tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Children should arrive at 4:00 for practice.

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.

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 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.

For more information, please contact Marty at marty@northminsterbaptist.org.

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. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will meet at 5:00 tonight for dinner, followed by the Liturgy of the Light.

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 ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- April 12: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Firecrackers & Sparklers— Megan & Anthony
Mayhan
- April 19: Firecrackers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
Sparklers— Sophia & Rachel Royston

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-6th 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 601-278-38

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, April 12

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Mentor Program Kickoff, GH
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Mentor Luncheon, GH
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Light Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Night, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Light

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn, GH
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries, L/CR
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Book Studies, GH

Wednesday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Guys vs. Girls Gameday
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Welcome, YH
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Studies, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Geri Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for April is Guy Parker III.

The Caregiving Coordinator for April is Julie Wooley.

The Caregivers of the Week are Crisler and Doug Boone.

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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