



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Now is the time of celebration;
This is the day of jubilee!
Let us weave our myriad voices
In a holy tapestry.

Honor we the sacred memory
Of the saints who've gone before,
Laud the gifts of those around us,
Spirit on us richly poured!

Pilgrims on a great adventure
More than wanderers are we;
Fellow strugglers on a journey,
Seeking truth and liberty.

Praise to God who brought us forward,
Praise to God who makes us free.
Praise to God who now indwells us,
Praise the Holy Trinity!

—Randy Weeks, “Now Is the Time of Celebration”
written on the occasion of Northminster’s 25th Anniversary

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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

We agree to differ. We resolve to love. We unite to serve.

—Dr. Harvey Whaley

The Prelude “O God, Beyond All Praising” Callahan

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

*The Procession of the Easter Banner Rhodes Massey

*The Processional Hymn

“Northminster Jubilee”
(The verses to the hymn may be found
at the end of the order of service.)

*The Litany of Praise Dabbs Massey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord blesses our coming in, the past behind us,
the future before us.

**People: The Lord transforms our sorrow into joy, restores our
blindness to sight.**

Leader: The Lord resurrects what is dead and makes all things new.

All: **By the love of the only wise God, we are being redeemed. Alleluia! Amen!**

—Dudley Wilson, Brian Brewer, John Claypool, 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

Dabbs Massey

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Blessing of the Graduates

The Lessons

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
I Peter 2:2-10

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset us. Let us rest ourselves in the love of God and cast our cares upon the grace of God.

—John A. Thomason and Charles E. Poole, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

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. 768

DOVE OF PEACE

“I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer

Dabbs Massey

The Offertory

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Peeters

*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 14:1-14

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Now Is the Time of Celebration”

arr. Coker

Bonnie Brown, *violin*

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Refrain

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laud the gifts of those around us—Spirit on us richly poured!

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Pilgrims on a great adventure—more than wanderers are we.
Fellow strugglers on a journey, seeking truth and liberty.

Refrain

Hearts turned inward, hands turned outward,
eyes uplifted to the skies;
knowing self and serving others under Yahweh's watchful eye.

Refrain

Praise to God who brought us forward;
praise to God who makes us free.
Praise to God who now in dwells us; praise the Holy Trinity!

Refrain

The Sermon

“All the Broken Bricks”

Geoff Davidson

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; 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: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and return to the pews by an outside aisle. Anyone preferring to receive a blessing should simply cross their arms over their chest as if in prayer, and the deacon will offer a blessing. A gluten-free option is available with the pastors at the communion table.

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

May God take our minds and think through them.

May God take our lips and speak through them.

May God take our hands and work through them.

May God take our hearts and set them on fire.

—Roger Paynter, adapted

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689

AURELIA

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Benediction

Geoff Davidson

*The Postlude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Pethel

**The congregation will please stand*

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, pages 439-440
I Peter 2:2-10, page 984
John 14:1-14, page 877

Today, the church is dressed in red for Northminster's 59th Anniversary. Red is the liturgical color signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit, used at Pentecost and at ordinations and for other special occasions.

Today is the Fifth 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.

Northminster Jubilee

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 Birthed with hearts and doors wide o pen;
 In the the syn a a school room;
 On the the shoul ders gogue and school room;
 Ad vent, Christ mas, of Lent and our foun ders,
 and and and Eas ter;

11
 Called to love, serve, think and pray. Birthed with dis
 Found we our first rest ing place. Then to win dowd
 Sons and our daugh ters, glad ly we. Keep a live their
 Round and round the years roll on. Gen e ra tion to

16
 tinc tive wit ness, Which we still em brace to
 walls on Ridge wood; House of the ship hope and
 dream and vi sion; They of the seed, now we hope and
 gen e ra tion, Find ing here our spir tual

21
 day. Birthed by Bap tists of hope and cou rage
 grace. To Ne ver the space of each wor week and we cou rage
 tree. Let the fin ished, dance from ev er reach ing, ther,
 home. bells dance from the tow er,

25
 Now we come to ju bi lee;
 From this place to we leave bi lee;
 For a and deep er wi der live;
 Choir and or gan, voi ces way, raise.

29
 Still who we were the day we were found ed,
 List' ning for the the voice of Je sus,
 To em bo dy the the Spi rit's of lead ing;
 Chil dren, teens, a dults and and el ders,

Still be com ing what yet we'll be.
 Call ing us to care and give.
 Step by our step, and day
 To our God we lift glad praise.

WORDS: Charles Poole, 2016
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830

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———— 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

Misti Crisler is recovering at home.

Amy Finkelberg is recovering at home.

Richard Joiner is in rehab at Baptist in Madison.

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

May 7

Bryan Bridges

May 14

Skipper Jernigan

May 21

Kelley Williams, Jr.

Meals on Wheels
Monday, May 4

Cooks:

Jan Stewart
Leah Hendrix
Polly Bourne

Drivers:

Rt. 1: Luke Dove & Bob
Hardin
Rt. 2: James Bethea

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Trivia Night

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

Join us for Northminster's Inaugural Trivia Night and put your knowledge to the test! Participants will compete for fun prizes—awarded for both trivia excellence and the most creative name. If you have not already signed up, you can show up tonight and we will put you on a team.

Trivia themed refreshments will be provided.
We hope to see you there!

Women's Book Study

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

by Cynthia Bourgeault

Tuesdays through 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.

**Please join us as we celebrate the
59th Anniversary of Northminster Baptist Church**

Anniversary Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.

Servers: Hilda Boteler, Gloria Montgomery,
Amy Moremen and Sandi Rhoden

“Shared Tables, Shared Values: Hospitality in Our Faith Traditions”

**An Interfaith Conversation in Partnership
with the Dialogue Institute of Mississippi**

Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m.
in the Northminster Great Hall

Join us for an installment of this collaboration between area faith communities and the Dialogue Institute of Mississippi. A panel of faith leaders will discuss approaches to “hospitality,” followed by conversation and refreshments.

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.

Northminster Digital Directory App

All members should have recently received an email containing a unique username and password for our new digital directory, the Northminster app.

The Northminster app includes everything you're used to in our church directory, plus new, convenient features. The app can sort our membership by individuals or family units and allows you to start a call or text message directly from directory information. It also includes links to the church's online payment portal and livestream.

Members can update their own information and pictures, but to help everyone get started, we will have someone available to take pictures in the courtyard after worship in May and June.

We've done our best to make sure all information is complete and up to date, and we apologize for any remaining errors. We can help you make those changes or make them for you. For any issues with the app, please contact Geoff Davidson at geoff@northminsterbaptist.org.

Accessible Parking

Adequate parking is perennially an issue for a church like Northminster. This is especially true for those requiring handicap accessibility or who otherwise need to park close to the church. While our handicap spaces are double the ADA requirement, we're committed to being as hospitable as possible. We encourage those who are able to leave spaces closest to the entrances for seniors and others who may need them. Thank you for your cooperation.

Northminster Building Maintenance Committee

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Senior Recognition and End-of-the-Year Party

Home of Leah & Tal Hendrix

Tonight, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Come join us for pizza, crawfish, swimming & fun. Wear your swimsuit & bring a towel.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Atrium & Four5Six

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for
our final meeting of the semester.

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- May 3: Firecracker—Laura & Patrick Taylor
 Sparklers— Leah & Tal Hendrix
- May 10: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder
 Firecrackers & Sparklers— Sandra & Rob Triplett

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, May 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 15, 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, May 13. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper.

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, May 3

- 9:15 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Senior Recognition Lunch, GH
- 5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
- 5:00 p.m. Youth End-of-the-Year Party
- 5:30 p.m. Trivia Night, GH

Monday, May 4

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, May 5

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Book Study, GH

Wednesday, May 6

- 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Potluck, GH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Blakely Fender.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Steve Godbold.

The Caregivers of the Week are Susan and Hunter Pratt.

The Liturgist for May is Amy Williams.

The flowers for May are provided by Lesley Mosby,

Jane Claire Williams, Lawanna McLennan, Kathryn Sams and

Becky Frame.

The Usher Captain for May 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
Facilities Manager	Greer Gunter

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