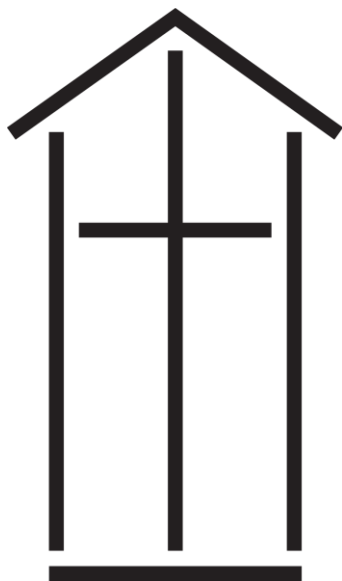




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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”*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

†Eight o'clock

‡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

On this glorious Easter Day,
We have come to celebrate the greatness
Of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.
My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

—Jack McDaniel

The Prelude	“Unspotted Lamb of God”	Bach
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The Call to Worship	“Christ Is Risen. Alleluia!”	Coker
	<i>Christ is risen. Alleluia!</i>	

*The Procession of the Easter Banner	†Rhodes Massey ‡Aiden Moremen
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*The Processional Hymn No. 234	EASTER HYMN
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”	

*The Placement of the Paraments

*The Return of the Paschal (Christ) Candle	†Billy Dickison ‡Evelyn Sims
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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.

All: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Like Mary of Magdala before us,
We came searching for the Teacher we've struggled to follow,
Yet here today we encounter the God Who Finds Us.
God Who Finds Us
even when Easter's resurrection is beyond all our
understanding.
God Who Finds Us
even when Easter's news is too good for us to believe it's true.

—Mark Wiggs

*The Parting Anthem	“Hallelujah!”	Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!		

*The Benediction	Scott Dickison
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**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 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

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.

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-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 601-278-3817.

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

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary were given in honor of:

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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