



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We are too complicated.
We seek God here, there and everywhere.
We seek God in holy places, in books,
in rules, regulations, rites and rituals.
We seek God in pomp and glory and ceremony,
in relics and statues
and visions and shrines.
Ah, like lost bewildered children,
we seek outside the God
who waits to be found
in the small deeps
of the human heart.

—Edwina Gately

"Small Deeps," *There Was No Path So I Trod One*

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 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

One day Paul stood on the Areopagus and spoke to the learned Athenians. He noted that they were very religious, had sought God in many ways. But he also pointed out the end of all their search—an altar inscribed “To an Unknown God.” Over against this background he proclaimed the essence of Christianity: “The God whom you have sought and not found has come to you. The Crucified One, even Jesus of Nazareth, is the truth about God. You cannot find Him, but He has found you.”

—John Claypool
from a Crescent Hill Baptist Church sermon, 1962

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| The Prelude | “In Thee Is Gladness” | Bach |
| The Call to Worship | “Christ Is Risen. Alleluia!”
<i>Christ is risen. Alleluia!</i> | Coker |
| *The Procession of the Easter Banner | | Parker Williams |
| *The Processional Hymn No. 43 | “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” | <i>EIN’ FESTE BURG</i> |
| *The Litany of Praise | | Doug Boone |
| Leader: | The Lord be with you. | |

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

People: **Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Leader: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into victory and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace.

People: **Come and hear the good news of God's mighty power.**

Leader: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship, and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

All: **Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.**

—Joan Stott, *The Timeless Psalms*, 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

Doug Boone

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Loving God,

We confess that we have lost our way. Too easily we are distracted from what really matters. In our better moments we recognize that life is better than death and love is superior to hate. Yet, far too often in the heat of the moment, we lose our heads—and perhaps worse—we lose our hearts. We do things and say things that betray our lack of faith and perhaps even our lack of emotional control. So today we acknowledge our sin and confess our shortcomings, and with humility we ask you to help us strive for the greater gifts and to show us a still more excellent way. Amen.

—David Mosser, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Marty Harper

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. 743

ITALIAN HYMN

“Christ for the World! We Sing”

*The Offertory Prayer

Doug Boone

The Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

Wood

**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 14:15-21

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Kallman

In thee is gladness, Gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By thee are given The joys of heaven, thou the only savior art.
To serve thee ever, Forsake thee never, We bow before thee,
Love and adore thee.

Alleluia!

In him is gladness, Gone is all sadness, He who once was dead
is raised.

Jesus is giving Life to the living, And ever let him be praised!
Wherefor the story Tell of his glory With heart and voices
All heav'n rejoices.

Alleluia!

Now is the story of Easter glory Sung with glad voices,
The world rejoices. Alleluia!

The Sermon

“The God You Know”

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

We are made holy by our recognition of God in us. God is in all and everything. But the reality of God's presence only comes about through human recognition. Ah then! We have the power to sacralize the world.

—Edwina Gateley

“Made Holy,” *There Was No Path So I Trod One*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 552

OLIVET

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Rondo”

Mouret

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Acts 17:22-31, page 902

Psalm 66:8-20, pages 459-60

John 14:15-21, page 877

Today is the Sixth 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.

Music for Sunday

The organ prelude and anthem are arrangements of the same famous Easter hymn tune, IN DIR IST FREUDE (In thee is joy, or gladness). At the organ Sheila will play J. S. Bach's famous setting that abounds in happy figures that spring from the organ in joy and fullness. The melody is the long notes, while the running figures leap with joy. The anthem has an almost as impressive organ part against the hymn tune. Often the men and women toss back and forth the chorale melody. There is even a section in which men whistle while women gaily sing the melody in canon (a round) – all in the spirit of joy. The anthem culminates in a magnificent set of alleluias.

———— 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



Northminster is saddened by the death of Bennett Chotard, a member of Northminster since 2010. Christian sympathy is extended to Kathleen and all of Bennett's family and friends.



Northminster is saddened by the death of Ron Scott, a member of Northminster since 2016. Christian sympathy is extended to Anna Katherine and all of Ron's family and friends.

Christian sympathy is extended to Judy Clark; Brynna Clark and Cora DeMarsico; Anne Peyton Clark, Benton and Abigail Crader; Lauren Clark and Alex, Allie and Caroline Ziegler on the death of Judy's mother, Edith K. Polk.

Misti Crisler is recovering at home.

Amy Finkelberg is recovering at home.

Salena Fortenberry is in rehab at Highland Home.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Virginia Hamilton

Libby McGee

Carla Holt

Lyllian McMullan

Sue Edwards

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 14	Skipper Jernigan
May 21	Kelley Williams, Jr.
May 28	Scott Wilson
June 4	Mike Peters

Meals on Wheels Wednesday, May 20

Cooks:	Drivers:
Carolyn McIntyre	Rt. 1: Hilda & Bob Boteler
Becky Wooley	Rt. 2: Carol Taff & Beverly Raddin
Shari Culver	

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

“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. Panelists will be: Student Rabbi Ben Russell, Beth Israel Congregation; Sabri Agachan, Dialogue Institute of Mississippi; Rev. Scott Dickison, Northminster; and moderator, Rev. Jill Buckley, Stewpot Community Ministries.

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.

Stewpot

Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, June 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

- May 10: Chapel Coordinators—Camille & Drew Snyder
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Sandra & Rob Triplett
- May 17: Firecrackers—Dana & Scott Wilson
Sparklers—Kim & Kyle Watson
- May 24: Firecrackers—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

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.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, May 10

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

Monday, May 11

- 5:30 p.m. Deacon Nominating Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, May 12

- 5:30 p.m. Building Maintenance Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, May 13

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14

- 6:30 p.m. Interfaith Conversation, GH

Friday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Mentor Program, L/CR
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Mentor Program Luncheon, GH
- 2:30 p.m. Mahjong, GH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Wilson Stribling.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver of the Week is Nancy Studdard.

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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