



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings.  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays.  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings.  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water,  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release.  
Today the gospel crosses every border.  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.  
Today the lost are found in His translation.  
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

—Malcolm Guite, “Pentecost”

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

# THE ACT OF WORSHIP

**Pentecost Sunday**

May 24, 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

It is no crime to pray for the gentle Spirit—to ask God to restore predictability, to remove us from risk, to give us back the comfortable illusion of control that helps us see at night. But Pentecost is our reminder that there is another side to God's Spirit—one that can set us on fire, transform our lives, turn the world upside down.

—Barbara Brown Taylor  
*Bread of Angels*

The Prelude                      “A Pentecost Prelude”                      Callahan

The Call to Worship                      “The Spirit Dwells Among Us”                      Hopson

The Spirit dwells among us. Alleluia.  
Come and worship the Lord. Alleluia.

\*The Procession of the Pentecost Banner                      Lyla Witt May

\*The Processional Hymn No. 52                      *ELLACOMBE*  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

\*The Litany of Praise                      Rob Triplett

Leader:    The Lord be with you.

People:    **And also with you.**

Leader: Wind of God, blow through us, dismantling all barriers that divide us from each other.

People: **Tongue of God, speak into us your wisdom and truth that we may share your word with others.**

Leader: Fire of God, ignite our hearts to share your infinite love with all people.

All: **Spirit of God, transform us to live our lives renewed—to live our lives for you!**

\*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

Rob Triplett

The Greeting

Marty Harper

The Lessons

Acts 2:1-21  
Numbers 11:24-30

Marty Harper

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

You call us to be your voices in this world, and we stay silent.  
You call us to be your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.  
You call us to be your feet in this world, and we go our own way.  
When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.  
When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.  
When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into our bones. Bring freedom to our lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

—John Birch, *Faith and Worship*, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Geoff Davidson

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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. 295

*TRENTHAM*

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

\*The Offertory Prayer

Rob Triplett

The Offertory

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Trotter

\*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 20:19-23

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

Coker

Wind who makes all winds that blow,  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind’s deep caves—  
aim your breath with steady power  
on you church, this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost,  
Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn,  
suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals,  
shining truth to guide our souls  
come to us as once you came:  
burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength,  
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy spirit, Wind and Flame,  
move within our mortal frame  
Make our hearts an altar pyre.  
Kindle them with our own fire  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze  
till our lives, our deeds and ways  
speak that tongue which every land  
by your grace shall understand.

Gayle Entrekin, *flute*

The Sermon

Scott Dickison

“Would That All the Lord’s People Were Prophets”

## 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 the transformative, uncontrollable Holy Spirit breathe on us as we depart. Let us draw it into our lungs and our lives. May it fill us with compassion, move us to action, ignite our hearts, and alter our very being so that we may move about this world as the body of Christ.

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 298 ST. AGNES

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost” Grams

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Acts 2:1-21, page 885

Numbers 11:24-30, page 114

John 20:19-23, page 883

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** Pentecost first appears as the “Festival of Weeks” in the book of Exodus. It was originally a festival of thanksgiving for harvest and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday is red.

The Pentecost Banner which heralds the day and leads us into worship is rich with the signs and symbols of Pentecost; the white swirl of wind and wonder riding the wings of a dove descending into the flames of Pentecost fire, coming to rest on a dozen triangles; twelve disciples; the whole family of God, lit up by the fire of the Spirit and caught up in the wind of the Spirit.

The Pentecost Banner, commissioned by our Worship Committee and created by Amy Williams and Gwen Anderson, was given by Kaleidoscope, a Northminster creativity group, in loving memory of

Cavett Taff and Cathy Bowles. In their lives among us, Cavett and Cathy helped us have banners and banner bearers to lead us in and show us the way.

————— 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 hospitalized at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

Richard Joiner 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 28

Scott Wilson

June 4

Mike Peters

June 11

Jeff Wilson

**Meals on Wheels**  
Monday, May 25

Cooks:  
Faye Barham  
Amy Moremen  
  
Cade Montague

Drivers:  
Rt. 1: Julie & Dudley Wooley  
Rt. 2: Mariann Field & Janet  
Holt

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

**Happy Anniversary!**

We give thanks for Sam South, Financial Secretary, on the occasion of her twenty-year anniversary at Northminster. Thank you, Sam!

**Mom's Night Out**

Thursday, June 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Managing the Motherload:**

**How to stop beating yourself up no matter what you do!**

Led by Katie Linn

Licensed clinical social worker serving women  
in their transition to and through motherhood

Sponsored by Northminster Baptist Church

Lida Caraway's house  
4375 Brook Drive, Jackson

Scan here to register:



## ***Short Stories by Jesus***

### **A Summer Bible Study**

Tuesdays at noon, beginning June 9 in the Great Hall  
(continuing June 16, June 23, July 14, July 21 and July 28)

Lunch: \$10

The parables of Jesus are among the most well-known and beloved passages from scripture. In these pithy, confounding stories and images, Jesus flips our conventions on their head to illuminate the mystery and wonder of the Kingdom of God.

Over these six weeks, we will take an extended look at some of these parables, using Amy-Jill Levine's beautiful and provocative book, *Short Stories by Jesus*, as a conversation partner. In addition to being a premier New Testament scholar, Levine is also a practicing Orthodox Jew. Her unique perspective often flips our conventional readings of these stories on their head, helping us to hear them again for the first time. This will be our aim as we read again together these stories that are often as peculiar and surprising as they are beloved.

### **Congratulations to our College and University Graduates**

Charlotte Palmer	Doctor in Occupational Therapy, Belmont University
Jonathan Ackleh-Tingle	PhD in Infectious Diseases, Emory University
Marilee Edwards Cleveland	Bachelors of Liberal Arts in Public Policy and Leadership, University of Mississippi
Elizabeth Hawthorne Cleveland	Masters in Biomedical Sciences, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson Van Meter	Bachelors of Science in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science, Millsaps College
Walker Van Meter	AA in Biology, Meridian Community College

Sara Beth Greener

Masters of Science in Accounting,  
Southern Methodist University

We are seeking the names of those who are graduating this year from college, graduate school, law school, medical school, etc.

Please call or email the church office at 601-982-4703 or [neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) with degree and school information.

### **Update from Northminster Communications Committee**

Dear Northminster,

We continue to roll out new tools to enhance our communications at the church. In the next few days, we will launch our new church website. While it will be found at the same address, [www.northminsterbaptist.org](http://www.northminsterbaptist.org), it will be an entirely new site.

This website will be the hub of our communications, with an integrated calendar of events, and helpful, shareable information about what's happening at the church. In addition to keeping us better connected, we hope it will also serve as a vibrant reflection of Northminster to our wider community.

Those who stream our services will especially benefit from this refresh. Active broadcasts, previous services, sermon transcripts, and worship bulletins will all be available together directly on our website in a new user-friendly format.

**Be on the lookout for an email that will include an address you can save to your computer, smart TV, or other device you use to stream our services. That address will take you directly to our streaming page.**

If you've been streaming from the Northminster App on Roku, Fire TV Stick, or a smart TV, this app will no longer work once we switch to the new website. You will need to either access the website on your smart TV or "cast" it from your phone or iPad.

**If you would like technical assistance to make this switch (we'll come to you!), please reach out to the church office.**

This major project was born of the long-range plan and has taken a great deal of work from our communications committee and church staff in partnership with The Ramey Agency. We're excited for you to

see this undertaking come to fruition.

Please continue downloading the new directory app and find one of our photographers in the courtyard after worship to take a new directory photo!

### **Directory Photos Taken in the Courtyard Following Worship on the Sundays in May and June**

As we move to our new digital directory, you are invited to either upload your own photos to your profile or have a picture taken in the courtyard each of the coming Sundays.

To download the app, find the recent email sent by “Church Harmony,” which includes a unique login and password. Or, reach out to Geoff Davidson at [geoff@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:geoff@northminsterbaptist.org).

## **———— YOUTH NEWS ————**

### **Youth Sunday School**

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

### **Stewpot**

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.

We prepare and serve lunch for our neighbors at Stewpot on the first Saturday of every other month. Volunteers meet at Northminster before going together to cook and serve.

Please contact Geoff with questions or to let him know if you can join us.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- May 24: Firecrackers—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn  
Sparklers—Blair Taff
- May 31: Chapel Coordinators—Mary Ellen & Jeff Stancill  
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Caroline and Kirk Sims

**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.

**Splash Day**

Sunday, June 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Children and their families will gather in the backyard at Northminster for water slides, splash pools and sprinkler fun!

Bring your swimsuit, towels and sunscreen,  
and we'll provide a snack supper.

Questions? Contact Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org).

**Save the Date!**

**Crowded Table  
Children's Bible Camp**

July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

Friday 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Contact Sandra Triplett at [sandratriplett23@gmail.com](mailto:sandratriplett23@gmail.com)  
or 601-278-3817 with questions.

## THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

### **Sunday, May 24**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### **Monday, May 25**

The church office is closed.

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

### **Wednesday, May 27**

11:00 a.m.. Spann Teacher Luncheon, GH

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 29**

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

### **Sunday, May 31**

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

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 Will Walker.

The Caregiving Chair for May is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiver of the Week is Susan O'Mara.

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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