



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.

—Mother Teresa

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211



Leader: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

**All: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

— Sandra E. Graham

\*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

Gray Jackson

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

You can do the impossible, because you have been through the unimaginable.

—Christina Rasmussen

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. 556

*ST. CATHERINE*

**“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Gray Jackson

The Offertory “I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock”

Wood

\*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

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers—  
The moon and stars suspended in space—  
What is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
O Lord our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Sermon

“In on the Joke”

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 real hope is not in something we think we can do, but in God, who is making something good out of it in some way we cannot see.

—Thomas Merton

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 694

*AUSTRIAN HYMN*

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Postlude “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Wood

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7, pages 12, 14-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, pages 491-492

Matthew 9:35-10:8, pages 790-791

**Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost.** The season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2), which rises above the baptistry and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

## ———— 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

Congratulations to Ben and Victoria Bowen on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elise Bowen. Charlotte is also welcomed by Kip and Elizabeth Bowen; Doug, Crisler, Will and Sam Boone; Stewart, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Thomas Boone and Suzanne Boone.

Congratulations to Trip and Leslie Wells on the birth of their grandson, Quinn Samuel Collins. Quinn's parents are Ellie and Cole Collins, and he is also welcomed by West Wells, Nevin Wells and Diane McGowan.

Congratulations to Dolly and Wesley Goings on the birth of their grandson James Grady Burnett. James' parents are Meredith Goings and John Grady Burnett, and he is also welcomed by Hugh Goings.

Misti Crisler is receiving treatment at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

### ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Virginia Hamilton

Liby 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**

June 18	Geri Smith
June 25	Bo Allen
July 2	Jeff Wilson

## **Meals on Wheels** Wednesday, June 17

<b>Cooks:</b>	<b>Drivers:</b>
Sara Hays	Rt. 1: Laine & Bob Hardin
Missy Caver	Rt. 2: Rob Hill & Ryan
Judy Rankin	McElveen

## ———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

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

#### **A Summer Bible Study**

Tuesdays at noon, in the Great Hall  
(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 anew 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.

June 16: The Good Samaritan

June 23: The Pearl of Great Price

## **Directory Photos Taken in the Courtyard Following Worship on Sundays in 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 on one 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.

#### **Second Sunday Kickback at the Youth House**

Tonight, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **Top Golf**

Wednesday, June 24  
(registration required)

#### **Second Sunday Kickback at the Youth House**

July 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **Mystery One-Day Mission Trip**

Saturday, July 18  
(registration required)

#### **Swim Night & Missions Sharing at the Elferts’**

Sunday, July 19

#### **Youth volunteering with Northminster Bible Camp**

July 24-26

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

**Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule**

- June 14: Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway  
Sparklers—Miles & David Munn
- June 21: Chapel Coordinators—Jennifer & Drew Rymer  
Firecracker & Sparklers—Sarah & Nick Newcomb

**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**

Wednesday, 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).

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

## THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

### **Sunday, June 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Ministries Cmte., NCC
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Second Sunday Kickback, YH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

### **Monday, June 15**

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

### **Tuesday, June 16**

- 12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Birthday Gathering, GH
- 4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

### **Wednesday, June 17**

- 8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, June 19**

The church office is closed.

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

### **Sunday, June 21**

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

## MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

### Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Geri Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinators for June are Faye Barham and Susie Friou.

The Caregivers of the Week are Amanda Milam and Faye Barham.

The Liturgist for June is Amanda Milam.

The flowers for June are provided by Becky Frame, Kathryn Davis, Lesley Mosby and Geri Smith.

The Usher Captain for June is Judy Rankin.

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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