



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

—Lao Tzu

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 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

Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift. That's why
it's called the present.

—Alice Morse Earle

The Prelude	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	Wood
The Call to Worship		Hopson

“All Glory to Our Lord and God”

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 43	<i>EIN' FESTE BURG</i>
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	

*The Litany of Praise	Andrew Mahaffey
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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

People: Behold our God is a Creator.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: Behold our God is a Redeemer.

Leader: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

People: Let us worship the God who is one in three, three in one, who heals our brokenness and gather up all our meanings.

—Maren C. Tirabassi, revised

*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

Andrew Mahaffey

The Witness of Christian Baptism

Jeb Snyder
Grayton Thames

The Baptismal Affirmation

In Unison

Jeb and Grayton, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus Is Lord” has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ’s example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ’s service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Genesis 21:8-21
Romans 6:1b-11

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:19, KJV

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. 593

GIFT OF LOVE

“The Gift of Love”

*The Offertory Prayer

Andrew Mahaffey

The Offertory “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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 10:24-39 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “Festival Doxology” Hustad

Praise him from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah, Amen.

The Sermon “The God of Hagar and Ishmael” 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

Every parent is at some time the father of the unreturned prodigal with nothing to do but keep his house open to hope.

—John Ciardi

*The Recessional Hymn No. 486

WELLESLEY

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

“Rigaudon”

Campra

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 21:8-21, page 15

Romans 6:1b-11, page 917

Matthew 10:24-39, page 791

Today is the Fourth 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.

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Jean and Kelley Williams on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

———— 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

Kitty Rushing is receiving care at Methodist Rehab.

Misti Crisler is receiving treatment at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

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

June 25	Bo Allen
July 2	Jeff Wilson
July 9	Joe Sims
July 16	Matt Kelly
July 23	Scott Wilson

Meals on Wheels

Monday, June 22

Cooks:

Kelly Hicks

Gail England

Ann Calhoon

Drivers:

Rt. 1: Becky & Tim

Frame/Gayla Purvis

Rt. 2: Pat & Mike Beall

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Short Stories by Jesus

A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at noon, in the Great Hall

(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 23: The Pearl of Great Price

July 14: Yeast and Mustard Seeds

July 21: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

July 28: The Laborers in the Vineyard

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.

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

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 21: Chapel Coordinators—Jennifer & Drew Rymer
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Sarah & Nick Newcomb
- June 28: Firecrackers—Rebecca & Brooks Vance
Sparklers—Audrey Dickison & Matt Thames

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.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, July 21, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

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 or 601-278-3817

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, June 21

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Baptisms

Monday, June 22

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

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, June 23

12:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, GH

Wednesday, June 24

3:00 p.m. Youth trip to Top Golf

5:30 p.m. Splash Day

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 26

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Sunny Fowler.

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 Kathryn Davis and Guy Parker.

The Liturgist for June is Amanda Milam.

The flowers for today are provided by Lesley Mosby.

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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