



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

To choose what is difficult all one's
days as if it were easy, that is faith.

—W.H. Auden

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 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

Now that we have been put right with God through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5:1

The Prelude “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” Buxtehude

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. 62 *ST. DENIO*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*The Litany of Praise Joe Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Help us, God, to understand ourselves and one
another.

All: **Remind us that if we are priceless, it is because we
have been named and formed by your love.**

Leader: As we busy ourselves shaping our lives and our world, remind us that the business of creating and sustaining is your work.

All: In all our works, O God, draw forth your ways of redeeming where cross and tomb are but doors to new life, we pray in the name of the One who opens every door for us, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

—Michael L. Pennanen, 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

Joe Rankin

The Greeting

Geoff Davidson

The Lessons

Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

—Corrie ten Boom

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Lesley Ratcliff

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

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. 768 *DOVE OF PEACE*

“I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer Joe Rankin

The Offertory “As the Wind Song Through the Trees” Burkhardt

*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 9:9-13, 18-26 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my saviour, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and
shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

The Sermon “The Land That I Will Show You” Scott Dickison

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to the Table

Scott Dickison

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

People: **Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; 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: **Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

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

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

—T.S. Eliot

*The Recessional Hymn No. 263

HYFRYDOL

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Postlude

Albrecht

“Come, oh Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Genesis 12:1-9, pages 8-9

Romans 4:13-25, page 916

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, page 790

Today is the Second 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

Christian sympathy is extended to David McNair on the death of his brother, Thomas W. McNair.

Misti Crisler is hospitalized at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

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

June 11	Jeff Wilson
June 18	Geri Smith
June 25	Bo Allen

Meals on Wheels Wednesday, June 17

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

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Happy Anniversary!

We give thanks for Lesley Ratcliff, Associate Pastor for Children and Adults, on the occasion of her fifteenth-year anniversary at Northminster. Thank you, Lesley!

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 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 9: Intro; Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son

**Directory Photos Taken in the Courtyard
Following Worship on 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 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.

Second Sunday Kickback at the Youth House

June 14, 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 ————

Six-Seven Service Day (Rising 1st-6th Graders)

Today, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun and meaningful day of service! Children will enjoy lunch, help with various projects around the church (such as sharpening pencils in the sanctuary), and serve our community by picking up litter along the Eastover pathway. We'll finish the day with a special ice cream treat at Sal & Mookie's.

Pickup: Parents should pick up their children at **3:00 p.m.** at Sal & Mookie's.

We look forward to a day of service, fellowship, and fun!

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

June 14: Firecrackers—Lida & Gregg Caraway
Sparklers—Miles & David Munn

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.

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.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, June 7

- 9:00 a.m. Committee on Committees, L/CR
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Six-Seven Service Day
- 5:30 p.m. Deacon Nominating Cmte., L/CR

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

- 5:00 p.m. Legacy Giving Cmte., Room 204
- 5:45 p.m. Search Cmte., L/CR
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 12

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat 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.
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Second Sunday Kickback, YH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Elizabeth Boone.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

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

The Caregiver of the Week is Ann Calhoon.

The Liturgist for June is Amanda Milam.

The flowers for June are provided by Jill Buckley, 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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