



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

And all ate and were filled....

—Matthew 14:20

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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

“O God, help us to know why we are here. There is not one of us that has such a pure and uncluttered heart that there isn’t a lot of furniture between us and the truth. Help us to be simple today. To be honest. To be open. To listen.”

—Avery Brooke, *Plain Prayers in a Complicated World*

The Prelude “Let Us Break Bread Together” Callahan

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 374 *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*The Litany of Praise Blair Taff

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all,

All: And the Lord’s compassion is over all that God has made.

—Psalm 145:8-9

*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

Blair Taff

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“I am so weak that God has given me everything, all the tools, instructions for their use, even a good brain to use them with, a creative brain to make them immediate for others. God is feeding me and what I’m praying for is an appetite.”

—Flannery O’Connor, *A Prayer Journal*

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. 768

DOVE OF PEACE

“I Come with Joy”

*The Offertory Prayer

Blair Taff

The Offertory “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Wold

*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 14:13-21

Geoff Davidson

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Come, O Thou Traveler”

Jackson

Lucy Elfert, *soprano*
Cheri Waite, *flute*

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, Whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone, And I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, My sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by thy name; Look on thy hands, and read it
there.

But who, I ask thee, who are thou? Tell me thy name and tell me
now.

‘Tis love! Tis love! Thou diest for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, and shadows flee; Pure, universal love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move; Thy nature and thy name is Love.

The Sermon

“Our Daily Miracle”

Geoff Davidson

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to the Table

Lesley Ratcliff

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

“Be the one who, when you walk in, blessing shifts to the one who needs it most. Even if you've not been fed, be bread.”

—Rumi

*The Recessional Hymn No. 60

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*The Benediction

Geoff Davidson

*The Postlude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Manz

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 55:1-5, page 598

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21, pages 506-507

Matthew 14:13-21, page 796

Today is the Tenth 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 baptismal font and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season's emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests,*

as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread. Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as is the Savior we follow.

———— 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

Troy Browning is recovering after surgery.

Kitty Rushing is in rehab at Highland Home.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer

Virginia Hamilton

Beth Israel Congregation

Carla Holt

Lyllian McMullan

Sue Edwards

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

August 6

August 13

August 20

Skipper Jernigan

Mitch Peters

Elizabeth Boone

Meals on Wheels
Monday, August 3

Cooks:
Polly Bourne
Peggy Brady
Becky Wooley

Drivers:
Rt. 1: Bob Hardin
Rt. 2: Marianna Field &
Janet Holt

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Promotion Sunday

August 9 at 9:15 a.m.

School is getting in gear and so are we!

Promotion Sunday is August 9. Children and youth will promote to their new classes, and adults will return to their classes after their summer break.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 9
immediately following the worship service

Agenda

Recommendation from Search Committee for
Associate Pastor for Community and Missions:
Masyn Evans-Clements

Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship for all ages!

Weekend with Beth Israel

Friday, August 14 and Sunday, August 16

Join us as we worship and gather with our friends from Beth Israel Congregation. Scott will preach at Beth Israel's Shabbat service in the sanctuary at 6:15 pm on Friday. We will all then retreat to the Great Hall to share in a time of fellowship as part of their traditional "Oneg

Shabbat,” or “Sabbath delight.” Fellowship time will include a full dinner. On Sunday, Student Rabbi Ben Russell will preach at our 10:30 am worship service.

Newsletter Email

We sent our latest email newsletter this week. If you did not receive it, please let the church office know so we can make sure we have your current email address.

Legacy Giving Ministry Kickoff Luncheon

August 23, immediately following worship

Join us for lunch as we introduce Northminster’s Legacy Giving Ministry. This new ministry, years in the making and a product of our most recent long-range plan, will provide a vehicle for Northminster members and friends to make lasting contributions to the church’s mission and ministry. We will hear from committee members and a representative from the CBF Foundation, our partner organization in developing these funds, and provide information on how you can participate. Childcare will be provided.

Connection Event

Music and the Mind:

Using Music to Support Brain Health

Tuesday, August 25

1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

Come join us for Music and the Mind Connection Event. This presentation will introduce key research findings on music and brain health. Participants will then explore mindful ways to engage with music and develop listening habits that research suggests may support overall mental well-being. Facilitator will be Dr. Tim Coker, Northminster Minister of Music.

This Connection Event is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee but is open to all ages. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Marty Harper
at marty@northminsterbaptist.org

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

Parent Meeting & Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, August 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Kick off the new school year with fun for our students, a look at what's coming up this year, and homemade barbecue together.

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

August 2: Firecrackers—Neely & Michael McGinnis
Sparklers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan

August 9: Firecrackers—Amanda & Trey Clark
Sparklers—Ramsey & Brian Long

Worship Class for First Graders

Sunday, August 16, 9:00-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:00 a.m.

Our first graders will receive their first-grade Bibles and begin worshipping with us in the sanctuary on August 16. They will also participate in Worship Class that day!

During Worship Class, we'll create worship bags, practice finding our way around our Bibles and hymnals, and learn how to follow along in the bulletin. If you have an older child who would like a refresher on these worship skills, please reach out to Lesley Ratcliff.

Children's Birthday Gathering

Tuesday, August 18, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 10:30 a.m. Libby McGee Visitation, GH
- 12:00 p.m. Libby McGee Funeral, Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Ministries Cmte., YH

Wednesday, August 5

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 7

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

Sunday, August 9

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Promotion Sunday-Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m.. Congregational Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing, GH

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Dabbs Massey.
The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Doug Boone.
The Liturgist for August is Marty Kelly.
The flowers for today are provided by Kathryn Davis.
The Usher Captain for August is Nancy Smith.

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

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