



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

You did not choose me,
But I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit –
Fruit that will last.

— John 15:16

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 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

There is a counter-culture, a counter-world
that is far greater than anything
we might sense or see with our physical eyes,
one that is beautiful, engaging, full of peace, and life and
hope
We are surrounded by grace.

—Walter Bruggermann

The Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Bish

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 802 *HOLY MANNA*

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*The Litany of Praise Cathy Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion. To you our vows
will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all
people will come.

People: **When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our
transgressions.**

Leader: Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

People: **We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.**

Leader: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior.

All: **The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

*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

Cathy Davis

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide you from myself, not myself from you.

—St. Augustine

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. 697

ST. PETER

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*The Offertory Prayer

Cathy Davis

The Offertory **"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

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 13:1-9, 18-23

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Burkhardt
Cade Montague, *tenor*

From all that dwell below the skies let the creator’s praise arise;
Let the redeemer’s name be sung through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your Word;
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till sun shall rise and set
no more.

Let ev’ry creature rise and bring praise and thanksgiving to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

All praise to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to thee;
Whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.

The Sermon “Many Soils, Same Garden” 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

We have the seed of the gospel word. It is up to each of us to
set the priorities and to do the things that make our soil good
and our harvest plentiful.

—Dallin H. Oaks

*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 *GIFT OF LOVE*
“The Gift of Love”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “All My Hope on God Is Founded” Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Isaiah 55:10-13, page 598

Psalm 65, page 459

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, page 794

Today is the Seventh 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 Gail and John England; Sandra, Rob and Elizabeth Triplett; and Virginia and William DeGuenther on the death of Gail's mother, Sandra Crosthwait.

Troy Browning is recovering after surgery.

Kitty Rushing is in rehab at Highland Home.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer	Virginia Hamilton	Libby McGee
Carla Holt	Lyllian McMullan	Sue Edwards
Richard Poole	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

July 16	Matt Kelly
July 23	Scott Wilson
July 30	Kirk Sims
August 6	Skipper Jernigan
August 13	Mitch Peters

Meals on Wheels
Wednesday, July 15

Cooks:
Faye Barham
Elizabeth Quinn
Kathy Burkhalter

Drivers:
Rt. 1: Laine & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2: Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

Monday, July 27

Cooks:
Jean Welsh
Cathy Davis
Polly Watkins

Drivers:
Rt. 1: Luke Dove & Bob Hardin
Rt. 2: Keith Davis & James Bethea

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

GREAT HALL SERIES: A Sampling of Sunday School

July 19 and 26

The Great Hall Series offers short-term, stand-alone presentations during the Sunday School hour that are open to all. During these sessions, some Sunday School classes will meet as usual, while others will pause to join the group in the Great Hall. This format allows flexibility for both classes and individuals, while offering a shared learning opportunity several times during the year.

During this summer's Great Hall Series, six of our Adult Sunday School classes will provide a glimpse into their life together by having a teacher give a brief, fifteen-minute lesson based on one of the day's lectionary passages. Three classes presented this morning and three more will present on July 19. On July 26, representatives from all our Adult Sunday School classes will gather for a panel discussion and question-and-answer session. Whether you are looking for a class for the first time, considering a change or simply curious about what happens in other Sunday School classes, this series offers an opportunity to learn more about the many ways Northminster studies, questions and grows together through Sunday School.

Short Stories by Jesus

A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays at noon in the Great Hall

Lunch: \$10

July 14: Yeast and Mustard Seeds

July 21: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

July 28: The Laborers in the Vineyard

———— YOUTH NEWS ————

Youth Sunday School

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

2026-2027 Youth T-Shirts for Sale

\$17 or included in the Mystery Trip registration

Mystery One-Day Mission Trip

Saturday, July 18

Mission trips never go as you expect, so our youth are letting go of all expectations. Registration is \$20 and includes this year's youth shirt.

Swim Night & Missions Sharing at the Elferts'

Sunday, July 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth volunteering with Northminster Bible Camp

July 24-26

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

July 12: Firecrackers—Mary Hastings & Gray Samson
Sparklers—Sheri & Clint Moody

July 19: Chapel Coordinators—Taylor & Justin Beard
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Sophia & Rachel Royston

Splash Day

Wednesday, July 15, 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, July 12

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Great Hall Series
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Second Sunday Kickback, YH

Monday, July 13

- 8:30 a.m. Caregiving, L/CR
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Cmte., L/CR

Tuesday, July 14

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study, GH
- 5:30 p.m. Building Maintenance Cmte., L/CR

Wednesday, July 15

- 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 5:30 p.m. Splash Day, NM Backyard

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

Youth Mystery Trip

Sunday, July 19

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Great Hall Series
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Committee on Committees, GH
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Swim Night & Missions Sharing

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is George Luter.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Kathryn Davis.

The Caregiver of the Week is Kathryn Davis.

The Liturgist for today is Pam Steadman.

The Liturgists for July are Pam Steadman and Jeanne Cook.

The flowers for today are provided by Kandy Sims.

The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

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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