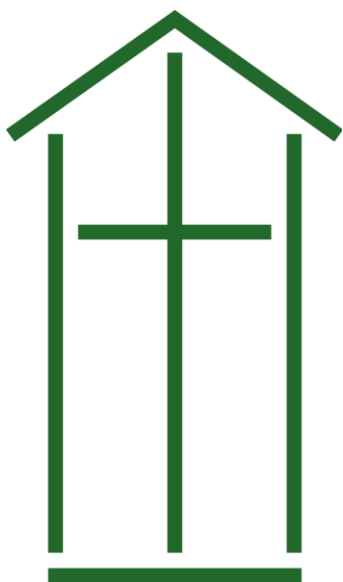




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

In the end, the first step of obedience proves to be an act of faith in the word of Christ. But we should completely misunderstand the nature of grace if we were to suppose that there was no need to take the first step, because faith was already there. Against that we must boldly assert that the step of obedience must be taken before faith can be possible.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Call to Discipleship

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

“Total surrender, the absolute leap in the dark, was demanded. The reality with which no treaty can be made was upon me. The demand was not even ‘All or nothing.’ I think that stage had been passed....Now, the demand was simply ‘All.’”

—C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

The Prelude “Andante” Mendelssohn

The Spoken Call to Worship Scott Dickison

*The Processional Hymn No. 108 MADRID

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*The Litany of Praise Kit Fields

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name;

People: Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord;

People: Tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God’s holy name;

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

—from Psalm 105

*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

Kit Fields

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

...we become builders by building and harpists by playing the harp. Similarly, it is by doing just acts that we become just, by doing temperate acts that we become temperate, by doing brave acts that we become brave.

—Aristotle, *On Man in the Universe*

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Geoff Davidson

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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. 635 *HE LEADETH ME*

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

*The Offertory Prayer Kit Fields

The Offertory “Have No Fear, Little Flock” 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 14:22-33 Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings” Liddle

Amanda Milam, *soprano*

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness,
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

The Sermon “Minding the Wind” 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

Even so Peter has to get out of the ship before he can believe.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Call to Discipleship*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 636 *WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “Fanfare” Lemmens

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 85:8-13, page 473
Romans 10:5-15, page 921
Matthew 14:22-33, page 796

Today is the Eleventh 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

Troy Browning is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer
Carla Holt

Virginia Hamilton
Lyllian McMullan

Beth Israel Congregation
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 13
August 20
August 27

Mitch Peters
Elizabeth Boone
Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, August 19

Cooks:
Kathryn Davis
Jan Stewart
Amy Moremen

Drivers:
Rt. 1: Beverly & Tim Lawrence
Rt. 2: Monica Daniels &
Carol Taff

———— ANNOUNCEMENTS ————

Congregational Meeting

Today
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

Today at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
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 p.m. 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 a.m. worship service.

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 a 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.



Community Book Study

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, and 22
11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Join us for a community book study of theologian Howard Thurman's classic work, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, hosted in partnership with Mt. Helm Baptist Church. We will gather in the Great Hall for lunch (provided) and discussion. Some books will be available in the church office for purchase for \$10 and are widely available elsewhere.

———— 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.

Youth Sunday Nights Resume!

Sunday, August 23, 5:00 p.m. in the Youth House

———— CHILDREN'S NEWS ————

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

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

August 16: Chapel Coordinators—Elizabeth & Percy Quinn
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Gates & Kyle Skene

August 23: Firecrackers—Leah & Tal Hendrix
Sparklers—Laura & Patrick Taylor

Worship Class for First Graders

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

Our first graders will receive their first-grade Bibles and will 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 order of worship. 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 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

Monday, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 12

- 10:00 a.m. Local Youth Pastors Meeting, YH
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 14

- 6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service
- 7:15 p.m. Beth Israel/Northminster Dinner, GH

Sunday, August 16

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Class for First Graders & Lunch, GH
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt & Parent Meeting, GH
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Mike Peters.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinator for August is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiver of the Week is Anna Katherine Scott.

The Liturgist for August is Marty Kelly.

The flowers for today are provided by Lisa Kelly.

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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