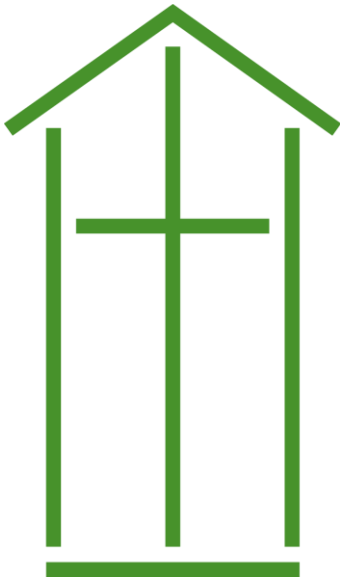


THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Everything we gain comes from what we give.

—Saint Teresa of Avila

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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

> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
>
> —Romans 12:7-8

The Prelude "That I Had a Thousand Voices" Manz

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful" Coker

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song,
bless the Lord!

*The Processional Hymn No. 108 *MADRID*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*The Litany of Praise Madeleine Wylie

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Now therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name.

People: **But who are we, and who are our people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this?**

Leader: For all things come from you, and of your own we have given you.

All: **As for us, in the uprightness of our hearts we have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy we have seen your people, who are present here to offer willingly to you.**

—I Chronicles 23:11-16

*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 Madeleine Wylie

The Greeting Masyn Evans-Clements

The Lessons Masyn Evans-Clements

Psalm 123
I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

I know a lot of fancy words.
I tear them from my mouth,
And then I pray.

—Mary Oliver

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 — *BEACH SPRING*

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"
(see insert)

*The Offertory Prayer — Madeleine Wylie

The Offertory — "The God of Abraham Praise" — Paige

*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 25:14-30 — Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem — "Come, Sing to Me" — Courtney

In the stillness, your quiet singing
falls like rain on thirsty ground.
Your voice unknown and yet familiar,
I drink it in, your gentle sound.
You pour your song into my being.

It reaches ev'ry part of me
to quench my thirst, my need, my longing.
Lord, fill my soul; come, sing to me,

Your song, a lamp within the darkness
beneath the heavy shroud of night.
Your song, a ladder rising upward
out of the vast and deep divide.
Your song, a boat upon the tempest,
an ark of rescue from the sea.
You are the breath within the music.
I sing to you; come, sing to me,

I sing to you across the distance;
come, sing me to the other side.
I sing to you in pain and sorrow;
come, sing me back to joy and life.
I sing to you, alone and drifting;
come, sing me safely into shore.
Lord, when you sing, all life is music.
I sing to you; come sing to me forevermore.

The Sermon "What Matters" 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

> You come across numbers of unfortunate people who you are not able to comfort. God also sees them. Has God not the power to give them greater comfort and assistance? Carry their cross and burden for them. Do your utmost to give them some little relief—that is in your power—and remain at peace.
>
> —Saint Louise de Marillac

*The Recessional Hymn No. 433 *GERMANY*

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" Colvin

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

Psalm 123, page 498
I Thessalonians 5:1-11, pages 960-961
Matthew 25:14-30, page 807

Today is the Twenty-Fifth 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.

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

November 19	Elizabeth Quinn
November 26	Mike Peters
December 3	Bo Allen
December 10	Bryan Bridges

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, November 18

Cooks:
Kathy Burkhalter
Helen Turner
Elizabeth Quinn

Drivers:
Rt. 1: Julie & Dudley Wooley
Rt. 2: Rob Hill & Ryan McElveen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Today
immediately following worship

Agenda

1. 2027 Budget Recommendation from the Finance/Stewardship Committee
2. Search Committee for a new Associate Pastor for Children
3. Ordination Discernment Committee for Geoff Davidson

Northminster's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Communion Service

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to serve your family plus one more. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Please bring serving utensils and label your dishes and serving pieces.

The meal will be followed by a Thanksgiving Communion service. We will also be collecting money for our annual Boarding Homes Project.

Volunteers: Sara Cox, Cade Montague,
Judy Rankin, Sandi Rhoden and Carol Taff

Northminster Angel Tree

Every Christmas, Northminster's Angel Tree gives our church family a chance to help local families who could use a little extra support with Christmas gifts. Each angel represents a child in our community; they are our neighbors across the Greater Jackson area: Mid-City, West Jackson, and South Jackson to Edwards, Flora, Ridgeland, Madison, Pearl, and beyond. These are families right here in our community, and Angel Tree gives our church family a way to help make Christmas a little brighter for them. When you adopt an angel, you are given the child's age, clothing sizes, and gift wish list, and you are helping to

both provide for that child's needs and something they'll be excited to unwrap on Christmas morning.

The Angel Tree will be in the stairwell narthex starting Sunday, November 22. You can adopt an angel on November 22, November 29, December 6, or December 13, or stop by during church office hours. Friends, families, co-workers, businesses, and organizations are welcome to adopt an angel together. If you'd prefer to give financially, student volunteers earning community service hours are happy to shop for you. Please bring gifts to the church by Tuesday, December 15. To adopt early, get an angel's information if you'll be away, or ask a question, contact Megan Mayhan at 601-624-6701 or meganmayhan@gmail.com.

"A Feast of Carols"—Northminster Choir's Christmas Offering

Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.

The choir will present its annual Christmas program. Original carols composed or arranged for the choir will alternate with traditional carols sung by the congregation, creating a joyful—even exuberant—celebration.

Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join our first—twelfth graders for Christmas caroling December 13 at 1:30 p.m. We'll meet in the back parking lot, carpool to carol at a few members homes, and return to the church by 3:30.

Facilities Repairs and Maintenance

To help us keep our facilities in good condition, please email **facilities@northminsterbaptist.org** if you notice anything that needs repair or maintenance—no matter how big our small.

Leonard Wilson, Northminster's Facilities Manager, and the Building Maintenance Committee will use these emails to log requests, follow up on them, and identify any recurring problems so they can be addressed efficiently.

——— YOUTH NEWS ———

Youth Sunday School

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

Join us at The Gathering

Today, 5:00—7:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church.

The Northminster Youth Ministry is partnering with a number of local youth ministries for a night of Thanksgiving worship and fun. Meet at St. James. See Geoff for more info.

——— CHILDREN'S NEWS ———

Children's Worship Volunteer Schedule

November 15: Chapel Coordinators—Lorraine & Smith Boykin
Firecrackers & Sparklers—Amanda & Trey Clark

November 22: Firecrackers—Krysten & Jay Jernigan
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

The Living Nativity

Children in the Beginners, Firecrackers and Sparklers classes, as well as all first through sixth graders, are invited to participate in the Living Nativity, which is a part of the pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Service.

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

November 29, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
December 6, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
December 13, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
December 20, 9:00-9:30 a.m.
December 24, 4:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
5:00 p.m. Atrium & Four5Six
5:00 p.m. The Gathering at St. James
6:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, L/CR

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

4:30 p.m. Cancer Support, L/CR

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Enneagram, Adult Ed. Building
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Ministries Cmte., L/CR
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck & Communion, GH
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 20

6:15 p.m. Beth Israel Shabbat Service

Sunday, November 22

8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Neely McGinnis.
The Caregiving Chair for November is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for November is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiver of the Week is Janice Joyner.
The Liturgists for November are Monica and Rose Daniels.
The flowers for today are provided by Becky Frame.
The Usher Captain for November is Dawn Warrington.

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 Students	Geoff Davidson
Associate Pastor for Community and Missions	Masyn Evans-Clements
Associate Pastor for Senior Adults	Marty Harper
Interim Director of Children's Ministries	Amy Finkelberg
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	Leonard Wilson

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