

The Worship of the Lord

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Trinity

(Worship begins with the Voluntary. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.)

Voluntary

Jesus, My Friend

Karen Sawyer
arr. Phillip Keveren

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

Epistle Reading: I Peter 1:17-23

BEDE THE VENERABLE (c. 672 – 735 AD),

The Price of Your Redemption:

The greater the price of your redemption, the more respectful to God you ought to be, and not risk offending your Redeemer by falling back into your previous life of wickedness.

ON 1 PETER.

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

We gather to worship God, who,
through the blood of Jesus Christ,
has freed us from the emptiness and futility of our former lives!
We have been reborn—we are now children of the living God!
Come, let's worship the God who has set us free!

*Hymn of Praise

(159) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Psalter Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Mike Page

An Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

*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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Offertory Hymn

(3) Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

*Offertory Prayer

(Offering plates are placed in the Narthex where you may give as you feel led.)

Brenda Viverette

*An Easter Doxology

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

A Time with Children

(Children preschool-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church)

Congregational Chorus

(457) Lord, Be Glorified

BE GLORIFIED

Joys/Concerns of the Community

Rev. Byrd

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Prayer Litany

Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.

We may not know where God is leading.

We may not see a clear path in front of us.

We may not understand our circumstances.

We likely won't have answers to the "why" questions.

We sometimes won't like what unfolds along the way.

Hardship, suffering, illness and loss challenge us and require great trust.

We won't always see God's hand or recognize God's voice.

Walking with Christ is a journey of faith.

Therefore, we choose to trust even in the midst of doubt or fear.

We look for evidences of God's grace and mercy.

We hope in the One whose faithfulness and love are never ending.

All: **Let us walk with Christ this day. Hallelujah! Amen.**

Let us pray . . .

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing in God's Word

Don't I Know You?

Emphasis Text: Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Byrd

A Time of Preparation

In Remembrance

Chancel Choir

Buryl Red

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Partaking in the Bread

Partaking in the Cup

*Hymn of Commitment

(282) Living for Jesus
(stanzas 1 and 2)

LIVING

*Expressions of Decisions

*Sending Forth

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430 AD),

Jesus Reveals Himself in the Breaking of Bread:

And no one should doubt that his being recognized in the breaking of bread is Communion, which brings us together in him.

LETTER 149.

Go now as witnesses of God's eternal presence.

The risen Christ has made himself known to you

in the breaking of bread,

so set your faith and hope on God,

fulfilling your commitment and living in genuine mutual love.

And may God hear and respond whenever you call;

may Christ Jesus make himself known to you in all things;

and may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and set your hearts on fire with love.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

...In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Response

(178) He Is Lord
(refrain)

HE IS LORD

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Sarah Hinton

**Congregation stands, who are able*

All scripture readings are from *The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.*

The Ministry of Worship

The Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr., Pastor

Blaine Pittman, Director of Church Music & Education

Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Sarah Hinton, Alternate Organist

2023 Financial Summary for 16 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request:

Tim Bartholomew Sharon Flowers Donald & Pat Parker
Wilbur Batchelor Weedie Hayes Patsy Smith
Martha Crowell Eric Jeffreys Melba White
Family of
Rachel Ervin

Prayer On Behalf of Members:

Harrison Barnett Debbie Edwards Royce Pittman
Gerald Butler Rudy Frazier Maryanne Davis Powell
Pam Butler Joel Freeman Vickie Sanders
John Byrd Sarah George David Sawyer
Veda Byrd Gerald Hale Wanda Surles
Brenda Caldwell Julie Johnson Baker Family of
Faye Carter Vickie Hyde Jones Phillip Tarte
John Chamblee J.R. McPherson Rudy Viverette
Linda Davenport Donnie Manning Robert Ward
Trudy Womack

*In an effort to keep our prayer list current,
we will place names on the prayer list for a two week period.
If you wish for a name to remain longer than two weeks,
please contact the church office.*

Nan Strickland Flower Ministry to Homebound:

Donations to this ongoing ministry should be designated as Missions/Flower Ministry.

The next opportunity to assist with flower arranging and delivery is **Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:

Wilbur Batchelor Beulah Hudson Pat Parker
Patsy Carty Annie Jackson Edith Skinner
Martha Crowell Bill Joyner Reba Turner
Doris Fisher June Joyner Melba White
Donald Parker

Card Ministry to the Homebound:

Each week, we rotate the names of two homebound members as part of our Card Ministry Outreach. Please consider sending a card or handwritten note to the following two members:

Donald Parker:

Pat Parker

We appreciate you reaching out to members who are no longer able to worship with us in person!

Today

Deacons: Mike Page & Brenda Viverette
Children's Church: Debi & Rick Davenport
Nursery: Carol Gay

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of my wife, Barbara Ann Sasser, by Tommy Sasser, Sr.



TODAY
Communion Sunday & Benevolence Fund Offering
Sunday, April 23, 2023



North Roanoke Baptist Association
Senior Adult Spring Luncheon



"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

May 2, 2023, Tuesday, @ 11 a.m. ~ bus leaves NBC @ 10:15 a.m.
Speaker: Mr. Alan Davis ~ Cost: \$15 per person

Public Bible Reading Day

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The purpose of the Public BIBLE Reading Day is to proclaim the truth of the Word of God to communities by reading aloud the entire Bible in one day. 1 Timothy 4:13 tells us not to neglect the public reading of the scriptures.



Contact the office to reserve your time slot if you are interested in participating.



Join us for the National Day of Prayer
The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, bringing together people of all faiths to pray for our nation.

Thursday, May 4, 2023
Nashville County Courthouse steps
Time: 12 noon



Item of the Month

April

Tuna & Tuna Helper



Don't I Know You?