

# The Worship of the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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 Karen Sawyer and Clyde Patterson  
*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* arr. Smith/Hustad

Greeting & Announcements Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

### New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47

BEDE THE VENERABLE (c. 672 – 735 AD), **Double Ardor of Love:**  
*If the love of God pervades our hearts, without a doubt it will soon engender affection for our neighbor as well. Hence, because of the double ardor of one and the same love, we read that the Holy Spirit was given twice to the apostles, and the possession of everything without [anyone] having anything of his own is a great token of brotherly love.*  
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2.44.

### Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!  
**He is Risen Indeed!**

Come let us worship the Lord,  
Our Shepherd, our Guardian, and our Guide.  
Even when it seems the world has nothing  
but confusion, suffering and sickness.  
God surrounds us with his love and grace.  
Open your hearts to the Lord this day and worship him!

### \*Hymn of Praise

*(14) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Psalter Reading: Psalms 23 (KJV) 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  
*(52) He Leadeth Me! Oh Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

\*Offertory Prayer Brenda Viverette  
*(Offering plates are placed in the Narthex where you may give as you feel led.)*

\*An Easter Doxology LAST UNS ERFREUEN

A Time with Children  
*(Children preschool-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church)*

Congregational Chorus  
*(499) Open Our Eyes, Lord* OPEN OUR EYES

Joys/Concerns of the Community Rev. Byrd

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

### A Call to Prayer

Day by day, God would lead us as the Good Shepherd with hope and grace. We are sheep that go astray and follow sin down all the wrong paths. In prayer, we have the opportunity to speak to the Gatekeeper who bids us come. Christ is the gatekeeper, and He calls us, and we hear his voice as the means of salvation and forgiveness. Open our hearts at this moment and offer your prayers to the One who understands us and knows who we are.

Let us pray . . .

### Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Music Chancel Choir  
*Surely Goodness and Mercy* GOODNESS

Sharing in God's Word Rev. Byrd  
**How Then Shall We Live: Who Am I?**  
Emphasis Text: I Peter 2:19-25

\*Hymn of Commitment  
*(68) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION  
(stanzas 1 and 3)

### \*Expressions of Decisions

### \*Sending Forth

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA (c. 150 - 215 AD), **Sheep Need a Shepherd:**

*In our sickness we need a Savior, in our wanderings a guide, in our blindness someone to show us the light, in our thirst the fountain of living water that quenches forever the thirst of those who drink from it. We dead people need life, we sheep need a shepherd, we children need a teacher, the whole world needs Jesus!*  
CHRIST THE EDUCATOR 1.9.83.

Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us. Recognize Christ in friend and stranger, and as Christ has been gracious to you, so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest in green pastures; May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds; And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom . . . . .and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, . . . . .**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

### \*Response

*(178) He Is Lord* HE IS LORD  
(refrain)

### \*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude Clyde Patterson  
*Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Albin Whitworth

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\**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  
Clyde Patterson, Organist

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## **2023 Financial Summary for 17 Weeks**

Financial information is not shared online.

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## **Today**

**Deacons:** Mike Page & Brenda Viverette  
**Children's Church:** Rosemarie Evans  
**Nursery:** Susan Edwards

**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	Sue Jenkins	

**Prayer On Behalf of Members:**

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

*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, May 12, 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:

**Edith Skinner:**



**Reba Turner:**

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

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of John Isaac Byrd's 20th birthday by the Byrdhouse.



The rosebud is placed at the altar in celebration of the birth of Ada James Ricks, born on April 18, 2023. She is the daughter of Nikki Rollins and Justin Ricks. Brenda & Randy Viverette are the very proud great grandparents. Ada James weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz, and was 20 inches long.



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**

on the steps of the Nashville Courthouse  
**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.

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**

**Special Called Business Meeting**



**Wednesday, May 10 @ 6 p.m. (after Family Night Meal)**

We will vote on the proposal submitted by the deacons to purchase a digital sign. The cost of the sign, installation, permits, and tax will be \$37,000 - \$40,000.

Please prayerfully consider this proposal before our vote occurs.



*Item of the Month*

*May*

**Canned Ham, Dried Beans & Canned Greens**



How Then Shall We Live:  
Who Am I?