

# The Worship of the Lord

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 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

Clyde Patterson

"Tocatta" from Organ Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

### \*Entrance of Graduates: *Pomp & Circumstance*

arr. ELGAR

### Greeting & Announcements

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

AGAUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430 AD), **ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISE:**  
*The right thing to do, brothers and sisters, is to believe God before he pays up anything, because just as he cannot possibly lie, so he cannot deceive. For he is God. That's how our ancestors believed him. That's how Abraham believed him. There's a faith for you that really deserves to be admired and made widely known. He had received nothing from him, and he believed his promise. We do not yet believe him, though we have already received so much.*  
SERMON 113A.10.

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

God's call is like the clear sounding of a bell that raises us to our feet.  
Or like the eyes of a child that reach to our souls,  
the frayed edges of a dream that won't go away,  
the invisible touch of Jesus that heals our hurt.  
God's call is still ringing in this world.

All: **God's love is surrounding us now and prompting us to sing.**

### The Ordinance of Baptism

Baptismal Candidate: Jordan M. Ibrahim

### \*Hymn of Praise

(231) *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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### Psalter Reading: Psalm 33:1-12

Ross Strickland

### 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

*Speak, O Lord*

SPEAK, O LORD

### \*Offertory Prayer

Linda Cooper

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

### \*Doxology

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### A Time with Children

*(Afterwards, preschool-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church.)*

### Congregational Chorus

(579) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
(refrain)

SHINE

### Recognition of Graduates

Rev. Byrd

### Joys/Concerns of the Community

### Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-25

### A Call to Prayer

Most wonderful God, we come before you  
not because we are good people but because your name is Love,  
not because we have all the answers to life but because you are  
abundant life,  
not because we have a lot to offer you but because you offer us  
amazing love.

*Hear our prayers . . .*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Worship Through Music

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Chancel Choir

SHOWALTER

### Sharing in God's Word

Rev. Byrd

**Dear Miss Manners . . .**

Emphasis Text: Matthew 9:9-13, 20-22

### \*Hymn of Commitment

(285) *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*  
(stanzas 1 and 4)

FALLS CREEK

### \*Expressions of Decisions

### \*Sending Forth

JEROME OF BETHLEHEM (C. 347 – 419/420 AD), **ATTENDING THE BANQUET OF SINNERS:**  
*The Lord went to the banquet of sinners that he might have an opportunity to teach and to offer spiritual food to his hosts. In effect, when he is mentioned as frequently going out to attend feasts, nothing is said other than what he did there and taught there. Thus, we see both the Lord's humility in reaching out to sinners and the force of his teaching in converting penitents.*  
COMMENTARY ON MATTHEW 1.9.13.

In the name of the Living God,

I bless you.

That you may have love according to your needs,

That you may have the joy that money cannot buy,

That you may have peace that the world cannot give.

It is time to get going:

*Life with its path before you lies,*

*Christ is your way and Christ your prize.*

**Amen!**

### \*Response

*Choral Amen*

Chancel Choir

### \*Chiming of the Trinity

### Postlude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Karen Sawyer

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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 Music and Education

Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Clyde Patterson, Organist

## **Today**

**Deacons:** Ross Strickland & Linda Cooper

**Children's Church:** Brenda Griffin

**Toddlers:** Paula Strickland

**Member Prayer Request:**

Tim Bartholomew	Eric Jeffreys	Mary John Matthews
Martha Crowell	Sue Jenkins	Clark Rounds
Doodle Daniels	Donald Parker	Family of Reba Turner
Weedie Hayes		Melba White

**Prayer On Behalf of Members:**

Harrison Barnett	John Chamblee	Linda Keen
Gail Bunting	Debbie Edwards	J.R. McPherson
Gerald Butler	Linda Frazier	Donnie Manning
Pam Butler	Rudy Frazier	Maryanne Davis Powell
John Byrd	Sarah George	Edith Skinner
Veda Byrd	Gerald Hale	Carl & Kathy Smith
Brenda Caldwell	Edward Jones, Jr.	Trudy Womack
Faye Carter	Family of Julia Johnson Baker	

*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, June 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

**Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:**

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

**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!

**2023 Financial Summary for 23 Weeks**

Financial information is not shared online.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS**  
 The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of my wife **Shelley Byrd** and our 25th wedding anniversary by **Pastor Byrd**.



**Summer Fellowship & Devotional**  
 During the summer months, join us for a time of fellowship followed by a devotion led by different NBC members at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
 Volunteers are needed to lead the devotions. (Devotional material will be provided.)  
 A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.



**June Mission Emphasis**  
*Your Choice Resource Center*  
 Fill baby bottles with loose change & bring them back on Sunday, June 25.  
 Baby bottles are available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.




**Seniors on the Go!**  
 Tuesday, June 13 – bus leaves NBC @ 10:30 a.m.  
 Restaurant: McLean's Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon  
 Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, June 11, if interested in attending.



*Family Night Meal*  
 Hosted by: Personnel Team  
**June 14, 2023, @ 5:30 PM**  
 Fellowship Hall - \$5 payable at the door  
 Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall

**ARC Blood Drive**  
**Monday, June 19, 2023**  
**2 - 6 p.m.**  
 To donate blood: [redcross.org/give-blood](http://redcross.org/give-blood)  
 To volunteer: shift sign-up in the Fellowship Hall


