



The Worship of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 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
Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. Smith Hustad

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

Old Testament Reading: Romans 6:12-23

CAESARIUS OF ARLES (C. 470 - 543 AD), **DO NOT LET SIN REIGN:**
*Paul did not say: "Let sin not exist," but "Let it not reign."
Sin is within you if you take delight in it; it reigns if you consent to it.*
SERMON 134.3.

Call to Worship

The smallest thing, under the influence of God,
is made infinitely precious and eternal.

If we come to worship focusing on our needs,
we will go away feeling let down.

If we come wanting a God made in our own likeness,
we will be disappointed.

If we come rigid in our ideas and set in our ways,
we will leave as barren as we arrived.

If we put God first,
we shall never worship in vain.

Listen to this, you people of God:

The Lord your God is One
and you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
with all your mind
and with all your strength.

*Hymn of Praise

(629) God of Our Fathers NATIONAL HYMN

Psalter Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Brenda Viverette

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

(176) Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH

*Offertory Prayer

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

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

A Time with Children

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

Congregational Chorus

(457) Lord, Be Glorified BE GLORIFIED

Joys/Concerns of the Community

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

A Call to Prayer

L: God has provided salvation through Christ Jesus that we might
walk in newness of life.

Yet we are daily tempted to tread the old paths.

P: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

L: The grace of God increases in proportion to our sin. So we are
tempted to enlarge our transgressions that grace might abound.

P: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

L: We were not worthy of the love with which God in Christ
redeemed us from sin. Yet we are sorely tempted to reserve our
love only for those who deserve it.

P: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

L: Jesus' victory over sin cost Him shame, suffering, and a cross. Yet
we are tempted to think that His followers can lead a risk-free life.

P: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

L: The cross was the cost of His obedience to God. Yet we are
tempted to let Him bear the cross alone, and let the rest of the
world go free.

P: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

**A: Give us the grace, dear Lord, to embrace the way of the cross
even as we come to You in prayer...**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Byrd

Sharing in God's Word

Not Forgotten!

Emphasis Text: Psalm 13

*Hymn of Commitment

(63) Abide with Me EVENTIDE
(stanzas 1 and 4)

*Expressions of Decisions

A Time of Preparation Chancel Choir
As You Serve, Remember Me Joel Raney

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Partaking in the Bread
Partaking in the Cup

*Sending Forth

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM OF CONSTANTINOPLE (C. 344 - 407 AD),

THE MEANING OF BEING FORGOTTEN:

*Nothing, after all, brings remembrance by God so much as doing good,
being sober and watchful, practicing virtue; likewise, nothing prompts
forgetting so much as living in sin and giving oneself to greed and
rapacity. So for your part, dearly beloved, when you are in trouble, do
not say, "God has forgotten me," but when you are living in sin and
everything is going favorably for you. After all, if you knew this, you
would quickly abandon evil things.*

COMMENTARY ON THE PSALMS 13:1.

Go out with the Gospel ringing in your ears,
with joy flooding your heart,
a spring energizing your step,
and with love flowing through your hands.

The Lord of the universe will uphold you,
the Savior of the lost will enfold you,
the Spirit of truth will mold you,
now and forever.

Go now to serve the Lord and never be forgotten!

All: God abides and never fails! Amen!

*Response

(630) America the Beautiful MATERNA
(refrain)

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude Karen Sawyer and Clyde Patterson
America the Beautiful MATERNA

**Congregation stands, who are able*

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

Member Prayer Request:

Tim Bartholomew	Weedie Hayes	Donald Parker
Martha Crowell	Eric Jeffreys	Healon Smith
Doodle Daniels	Sue Jenkins	Melba White
Ed Harris	Dot Morris	

Prayer On Behalf of Members:

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

*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, July 14, 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:

Martha Crowell A-201

Doris Fisher

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

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: Ashley Winstead

Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

2023 Financial Summary for 26 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 memory of my husband, Alvin, and daughter, Janet, by Mary John Matthews.



**The NBC office will be closed
July 4 for Independence Day**

Family Night Meal

Hosted by: Mission Team

July 12, 2023, @ 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall ~ \$5 payable at the door

Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 12 @ 6 p.m.

(after Family Night Meal)

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Brenda Viverette by noon on Sunday, July 9.



Seniors on the Go!

Tuesday, July 11 ~ bus leaves NBC @ 10:30 a.m.

Restaurant: Ralph's BBQ ~ Weldon, NC

Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, July 9,
if interested in attending.



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