

The Worship of the Lord

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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
Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Dale Wood

Greeting & Announcements

Brenda Viverette

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Blaine Pittman

Call to Worship

Eric Edwards, Jr.

We gather to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God.
Let's worship together!

*Hymn of Praise

(350) The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

Psalter Reading: Psalm 65:9-13

Mrs. 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

(52) He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought HE LEADETH ME

*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.)

Lynette Street

Congregational Chorus

(146) O How He Loves You and Me - stanza 1 PATRICIA

Joys/Concerns of the Community

Ross Strickland

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mr. Edwards

A Call to Prayer

We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures.
Sin has no claim on us anymore,
because through the power of the Holy Spirit,
we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking.
We have been given new life as God's own children.
God, who is gracious, is forgiving.
Feel the presence of the peace of Christ
as we join our hearts in prayer . . .

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Music

The Lord's Prayer Stephen Peo
Albert Hay Malotte

Sharing in God's Word

Mr. Edwards

This Has Been A Long Journey
Emphasis Text: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*Hymn of Commitment

(445) Sweet Hour of Prayer SWEET HOUR
(stanzas 1 and 3)

*Expressions of Decisions

*Sending Forth

As we prepare to depart this place, but never from the presence of the Lord, may we remember that this journey may be long, but we have a God who has granted us His unfailing power. That when the darkness of despair and the sour seasons of our lives haunt us, we have a God who overshadows our giants. May we remember that we have a God who reroutes our lives to follow in His ways. May we remember that we have a God who grants us the inevitability of and promise of His provision. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen.

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Karen Sawyer

SHOWALTER

**Congregation stands, who are able*

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



Eric Edwards, Jr is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. In May 2020, Eric graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. During his junior year of college, Eric heard the call of God and was licensed into the Gospel Ministry at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC where the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Scott is the senior pastor.

After graduating UNCG, Eric began his next academic journey at Duke University. While at Duke University, Eric pursued the Master of Divinity degree and graduated in May 2023. During his time at Duke Divinity School, Eric completed three certificates in Baptist studies, Preaching, and the Black Church. While at Duke Divinity School, Eric was selected to be a part of the inaugural cohort of the Office of Black Church Studies Fellows. As a fellow, Eric received a full scholarship during his final year at Duke Divinity School. Moreover, Eric has completed ministry internships with Pastor Gregory Milton and the Antioch United Church of Christ in Henderson, NC; Dr. Robert C. Scott and the St. Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC; and Dr. Howard-John Wesley and the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. Moreover, in August 2023, Eric will further his education at Emory – Candler School of Theology where he'll be pursuing his Doctor of Ministry degree.

Thank you for bringing a message to NBC today!

We are blessed today to also have **Stephen Peo** joining us for our morning worship service. Stephen is from Greenville, NC, and is a rising sophomore at East Carolina University where he is pursuing a degree in vocal performance. Thank you Stephen for helping lead us in worship!

Member Prayer Request:

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| Tim Bartholomew | Weedie Hayes | Dot Morris |
| Martha Crowell | Eric Jeffreys | Donald Parker |
| Doodle Daniels | Sue Jenkins | Family of Melba White |

Prayer On Behalf of Members:

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| Harrison Barnett | John Chamblee | Linda Keen |
| Gail Bunting | Debbie Edwards | J.R. McPherson |
| Gerald Butler | Linda Frazier | Maryanne Davis Powell |
| Pam Butler | Rudy Frazier | Kathy Shumate |
| John Byrd | Pam Gaul | Edith Skinner |
| Veda Byrd | John Grischow | Carl & Kathy Smith |
| Brenda Caldwell | Gerald Hale | Glenda Wright |
| Faye Carter | Edward Jones, Jr. | 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, July 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:

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

Annie Jackson

Bill Joyner

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

The Ministry of Worship

Eric Edwards, Jr., Guest Pastor
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music and Education
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist

Today

Deacons: Brenda Viverette & Mike Page

Children's Church: Kelle Joyner

Toddlers: Mallory Joyner

2023 Financial Summary for 28 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
Jack Sieber's first birthday
by Grandpa Jack Sieber.



Youth Car Wash ~ Sign Fundraiser

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Volunteers Needed:

4-6 men to supervise
2-3 ladies to collect money

Donations needed for 20 people:

breakfast & snacks
drinks/water

Contact Blaine or Brenda if you can volunteer.

Thank you to Ross Strickland for donating supplies!

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.

Contact Blaine - blaine@nashvillebaptistchurch.org - to volunteer.
(Devotional material will be provided.)



Item of the Month

July

Peanut butter, jelly & saltines



This Has Been A Long Journey