

The Worship of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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

How Can I Keep From Singing

Karen Sawyer

arr. Tom Fetteke

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Blaine Pittman

When we look to the rock, we look to Christ, or more precisely, to his tomb. His coming forth from there changed the nations who had been deserted (JEROME), justifying them and removing from them the stain of sin as it prepared them for the honor of becoming children of God (CYRIL). When we are tempted to wander from this righteousness we have received into the darkness of sin, Scripture provides guiding lights like Abraham and Sarah to bring us back on course (GREGORY OF NYSSA). When we remember how God dealt with them, doing the impossible by bringing an entire nation from a woman who was declared barren, we come to realize that there is no obstacle that can get in the way of divine power.

Call to Worship

Dear friends, please take the index card which is placed in your bulletin. Write on that card a special talent or gift you might have. It can be anything – even a good listening ear, a ready smile, baking bread, gardening, reading to children, working with your hands, singing, speaking – any talent you possess. You are invited to include your name on the card. Please write on your card now. L: Lord, bless each one of these people who have told us of their special talent.

P: Please be with us as we learn to share our gifts for your Glory.

L: We gather these cards, symbols of our community of faith, and place them on the altar.

P: Lord, help us to give and receive the gifts from each other; help us to go into your world sharing our gifts humbly. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise

(42) I Sing the Mighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

Psalter Reading: Psalm 124

Sandra Manning

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

(60) Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Offertory Prayer

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

Jack Sieber

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

A Time with Children

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

Rev. Byrd

Congregational Chorus

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

PATRICIA

Joys/Concerns of the Community

Rev. Byrd

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

A Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sanda Hight

Bob Kilpatrick

Sharing in God's Word

Rev. Byrd

Not Forgotten!

Emphasis Text: Romans 12:1-8

*Hymn of Commitment

(486) Lord, Here Am I
(stanzas 1 and 3)

BECK

*Expressions of Decisions

*Sending Forth

Fix your eyes upon the Lord, so you might be changed from the inside out. Share your gifts with this faith community, so the Body of Christ might grow and be strong. Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Give the Lord all glory and honor in all you do.

Go now to serve the Lord in a life filled with worship!

All: We are one in Christ! Amen!

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Clyde Patterson

Douglas Wagner

**Congregation stands, who are able*

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

The Ministry of Worship

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr. Pastor
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music and Education
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Sandra Manning & Jack Sieber

Children's Church: Debi Davenport

Toddlers: Carol Gay

2023 Financial Summary for 33 Weeks

Financials are not shared online.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of our parents
Jesse & Mary Lou Harris and Paul & Edna Cordova by Ed & Jackie Harris.



Member Prayer Request:

Tim Bartholomew	Sarah Hinton	Sue Jenkins
Ed Harris	Herbert Hopkins	Dot Morris
Weedie Hayes	Shirley House	Donald Parker
	Eric Jeffreys	

Prayer On Behalf of Members:

Harrison Barnett	Faye Carter	J.R. McPherson
Gerald Butler	John Chamblee	Maryanne Davis Powell
Pam Butler	Martha Crowell	Edith Skinner
John Byrd	Rudy Frazier	Janie Weaver
Veda Byrd	John Grischow	Trudy Womack
Brenda Caldwell	Gerald Hale	

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, September 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:

Wilbur Batchelor	Weedie Hayes	Dot Morris
Patsy Carty	Beulah Hudson	Donald Parker
Martha Crowell	Annie Jackson	Pat Parker
Doris Fisher	Bill Joyner	Edith Skinner
	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 NBC Directory is HERE!
Pick up your directory in the Fellowship Hall AFTER worship services on August 27 & September 3. Directories are also available for pickup at the NBC Office, M-Th, 9-2 p.m.

God calls us to be serving people. "He came not to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45
How can God use your gifts, your talents, and your heart to help build His Kingdom?

The Nominating Team will be making contacts in a few weeks to fill Leadership and Team positions for 2024. "Serve" cards are available in the Narthex for you to indicate where you feel led to serve. A basket in the Narthex is available for you to place your completed cards. Serving in a specific ministry in 2023 does not mean you will automatically serve on the same Ministry Team in 2024. Please designate your preference on the "Serve" cards.

Remember: "I will give my all to Christ and NBC today."

Free Books!

Available books are stacked on the pews in the 2nd-floor hallway. Books need to be picked up by TODAY, 8/27. Any books left on Monday, 8/28 will be donated or discarded.

NBCU FALL SEMESTER 2023

Classes offered @ 9 am Sunday:

- 3 different adults classes
- class for 6th - 12th grade
- learning & fun for nursery - 5th G

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Class Option 1
A study of 1 and 2 Peter

Class Option 2
"Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God" by: Max Lucado

Young Adult Class
"Prayer: The Great Adventure" by: David Jeremiah"

Purchase a Pixel

Purchase a Pixel Fundraiser. Pixels are available for \$50 each. You may designate pixels in honor or memory of a person/couple.

Forms are available next to the AV Table of Fellowship Hall.



Not Forgotten!

Item of the Month **August**

Mac & Cheese and Spam