

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

CAESARIUS OF ARLES (c. 470 – 543 AD), **THE CONQUERING**

CROSS:

That staff, dearly beloved, prefigured the mystery of the cross. Just as through the staff Egypt was struck by ten plagues, so also the whole world was humiliated and conquered by the cross. Just as Pharaoh and his people were afflicted by the power of the staff, with the result that he released the Jewish people to serve God, so the devil and his angels are wearied and oppressed by the mystery of the cross to such an extent that they cannot recall the Christian people from God's service.

SERMON 95.5.

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....arr. Paul Manz
Clyde Patterson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 244

Spirit of the Living God.....IVERSON

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Blaine Pittman

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 54

Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....FAITHFULNESS

PSALTER: Psalm 25:1-9

Mike Page

INVOCATION AND 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 NO. 147

And Can It Be.....SAGINA

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

*A DOXOLOGY NO. 253.....OLD 100TH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 177

There's Something About That Name.....THAT NAME

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:23-32

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Lead Me Lord with He Leadeth Me.....arr. Tom Fettke
Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

**Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bondage (BFFB) -
Weak Kneed and Tongue Tied!**
Exodus 4:1-17
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 458

Nearer, My God, to Thee (stanzas 1 and 3).....BETHANY

*OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Grain which once was scattered over the fields
was brought together to feed us today.
Grapes pulled from the vine
squeezed to give us drink today.
Now our time of worship and feasting draws to a close.
Now we are dispersed like that grain,
off to give the food of life to a hungry world.
Now we who have shared the Banquet of Hope,
go out as people connected to the vine,
go out to bring the juice of life
where the world has been drained dry.

As people who have been fed,
go now to feed the world.

As those who have been given hope,
bring hope in place of despair.

May God help us to do so.

And always remember
that we are never cut off from the Source.

The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always,
Jesus our Savior and true Hope.

Thanks be to Christ our banquet host! Amen.

*RESPONSE NO. 252

Glory Be to the Father..... GLORIA PATRI

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....FAITHFULNESS
Karen Sawyer

**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: Mike Page & Brenda Viverette
Children's Church: Rosemarie Evans
Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

2023 Financial Summary for 39 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Byrd, Sr. on their 62nd Anniversary by the Byrd Family.



They Are Here!

The new NBC Directory can be picked up M-Th, 9-2 from the NBC office.

Youth Sunday Night Dinner

Consider supporting the NBC Youth by providing a dinner for the Youth Sunday evening fellowship and devotion time. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



CCM ENSEMBLE



DO YOU PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT? LIKE THE GUITAR, KEYBOARD, BASS, OR DRUMS? THEN THE NBC CCM ENSEMBLE IS FOR YOU!

CCM stands for Contemporary Christian Music. My vision is to create a new ensemble that will focus mainly on the CCM worship style with the intention to occasionally present music in worship. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know! ~ Blaine



World Communion Sunday is TODAY! We will be observing the Lord's Supper and collecting a Benevolence Fund Offering.

Special Called Church BUSINESS MEETING

- Deacon Nominations -
TODAY
following worship service

All NBC members are encouraged to be present to vote. Please prayerfully consider serving if you are nominated.

Yard sale

Saturday
October 7, 2023
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NBC Yard Sale Preparation

Drop off details: October 5 & 6 from 5-7 p.m. (no clothes)

What can you do?

- October 5 & 6 from 5-7 p.m. - set up, display & price items
- October 7 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.- collect money, answer questions, straighten items

Contact Brenda Viverette by October 1 if you can help or have questions.

Seniors on the Go!

Tuesday, October 10 @ 10 a.m.

Olive Garden, 1140 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount

Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, October 8 if interested in attending.



Family Night Meal

Hosted by: Christian Education Team

October 11, 2023, @ 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall - \$5 payable at the door

Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall

\$10



Purchase your ticket for the PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A FUNDRAISER FOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 8-11 a.m.

Consider selling tickets to friends, family, and neighbors. Tickets are available for purchase from the Fellowship, Nominating, and Personnel Teams or NBC office.

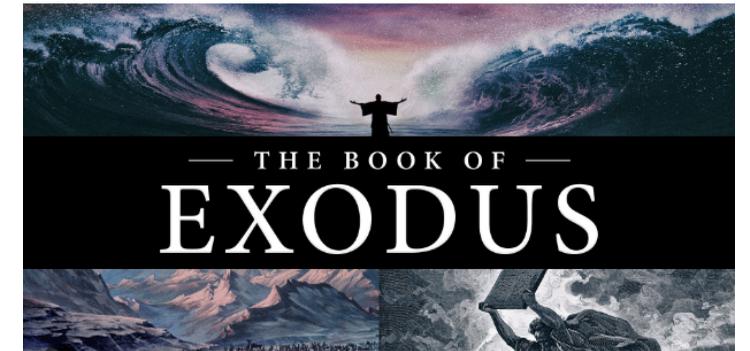


Item of the Month

October



- Canned Beef Stew and Chicken & Dumplings
- Rice



Defying Gravity