

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM OF CONSTANTINOPLE (c. 344 – 407 AD),

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD:

Righteousness comes from faith, which means that it too is a gift of God. For since this righteousness belongs to God, it is an unmerited gift. And the gifts of God greatly exceed any achievements of our own zeal.
HOMILY ON PHILIPPIANS 12.3.7-9.

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

Close to Thee.....arr. S. Vail
Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 6

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.....NICAEA

PSALTER: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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. 249

Glorify Thy Name.....GLORIFY THY NAME

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 203

His Name Is Wonderful.....MIEIR

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Give Me Jesus.....arr. David Danner
Susan Frazier

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

***Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bondage (BFFB) -
Are You Ready for the Journey?***
Exodus 12:1-14 (29-32, 51)
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 416

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (stanzas 1 and 2).....OLIVET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Imagine yourself prepared for a journey with a bag tied with rope to close it slung over your shoulder. Maybe you have a walking stick to keep yourself steady and provide support on the way.

Are you ready for the journey?

The Lord is ready to lead if we are ready to follow. He has prepared the way and desires to deliver us from bondage. He has provided the ultimate and final sacrifice, Jesus Christ. Our burdens are removed through Christ, yet how often do we pick them up again?

As the Lord guides us into unknown places, may we feel the wind of the Spirit lifting us, calling us to trust more fully every day.

Freedom from bondage awaits!

Let the journey begin! Amen!

*RESPONSE NO. 252

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

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation.....arr. Janet Linker
Clyde Patterson

**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
Susan Frazier, Worship Leader
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Mike Page & Brenda Viverette
Children's Church: Brenda Griffin
Nursery & Toddlers: Paula Strickland

2023 Financial Summary for 40 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

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.



Hosted by:
Christian
Education
Team

Family Night Meal

October 11, 2023, @ 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

\$5 payable at the door

Sign-up
sheets in
Narthex
and
Fellowship
Hall.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 11 @ 6 p.m.
(after Family Night Meal)



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary
to the glory of God in loving memory of
Weldon Jackson by
Annie Jackson and family.



Organ & Piano

Music will be
provided by NBC's
Clyde Patterson
(organ) and Karen
Sawyer (Piano).

October 22, 2023

4:00 PM

512 E. Washington St.
Nashville, NC 27856

A love offering
will be taken to
support the
NBC Outreach
Ministry.

\$10 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A FUNDRAISER FOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

Money and/or unsold tickets
need to be turned into
Tim Evans TODAY after
worship service.

Fall into the habit of donating. Give blood.

This month's thank you is a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card when you donate.

Blood Donor

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
2 - 6 p.m.

redcross.org/give-blood

NBC Host Volunteers

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Available shifts: 12:30-7 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

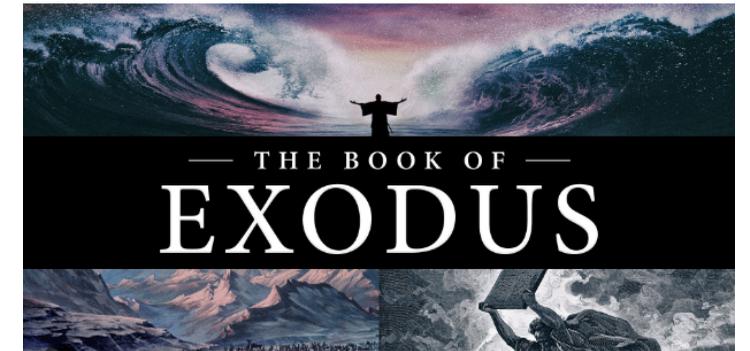
Reminder

No Handbell or Choir
practice this week.

Item of
the Month

October

- Canned Beef Stew and Chicken & Dumplings
- Rice



Defying Gravity