

# THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING MUSIC

### OPENING TO WORSHIP

MARIUS VICTORINUS OF ROME (c. 280 – 363 AD),

#### **THE BELOVED STAND TOGETHER AS ONE IN CHRIST:**

Love, the sum of every virtue for the Christian, does not fittingly come to pass if the faithful do not stand united as one, thinking in harmony. This is what Paul means here by “Stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.” We may understand that he wants them to be united in understanding from the fact that he calls them [literally] “most beloved brethren.” Mutual love is the result of thinking in unison and standing together in Christ. When all have equal faith in Christ all of us stand together in him.

*EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS 4.1.*

### 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

*I Need Thee Every Hour*.....arr. Stan Pethel  
Karen Sawyer

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

### \*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 215

Majesty.....MAJESTY

### EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Blaine Pittman

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 16

*O Worship the King*.....LYONS

### PSALTER: Psalm 114

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

*Speak, O Lord*.....SPEAK, O LORD

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

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

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

### CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 457

*Lord, Be Glorified*.....BE GLORIFIED

### JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

### A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*He Hideth My Soul*.....arr. C Berry  
Karen Sawyer

### SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

***Defying Gravity: Breaking Free From Bondage (BFFB) -  
Walking Between the Waves  
Exodus 14: (1-18) 19-31  
Rev. Byrd***

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 335

*Standing on the Promises (stanzas 1 and 2)*.....PROMISES

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with the God who can part the troubled waters of your life and lead you through to dry ground. Go with the God who can scatter and conquer all that hinders you on your journey.

Go forth in God’s might and in God’s peace. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ and filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

Stand each day on the promises of God as you journey from bondage to freedom!

**By the living Word of God we shall prevail!  
Amen!**

### \*RESPONSE NO. 252

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

### \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*POSTLUDE

*Majesty*.....MAJESTY  
Karen Sawyer

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*\*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 & Education  
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

## Today

Deacons: Mike Page & Brenda Viverette  
Children's Church: Kelle Joyner  
Nursery & Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

## 2023 Financial Summary for 41 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

## Member Prayer Request

Tim Bartholomew	Eric Jeffreys	Donald Parker
Patsy Carty	Sue Jenkins	Lynette Street
Sharon Flowers	Mary John	Family of
Weedie Hayes	Matthews	Wes VanHook
Sarah Hinton	Dot Morris	Jeremy Winstead
Shirley House	Mike Page	

## Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Brenda Caldwell	Linda Jernigan
Harrison Barnett	Annette Carrico	J.R. McPherson
Gail Bunting	Family of Faye Carter	Maryanne Davis Powell
Gerald Butler	John Chamblee	Louise Ramsey
Pam Butler	Martha Crowell	David Sawyer
John Byrd	Rudy Frazier	Edith Skinner
Veda Byrd	Gerald Hale	Janie Weaver
	Kevin Hinsdale	Trudy Womack

## Card Ministry to the Homebound

Personal information is not shared online.

Dear NBC Family,  
Your acts of kindness, expressions of love, and support during Mama's illness and after her passing were comforting and deeply appreciated. Thank you everyone and may God bless you!  
In Christian love,  
The family of Melba H. White 

*Weekday Women's Bible Study*

Grace - More Than We Deserve,  
Greater Than We Imagine  
by Max Lucado

Facilitator | Sonja Rounds  
Start | week of Oct. 23  
Meeting | Day and Time TBD

Study material will be provided

If interested, sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or let Blaine know.

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

**Organ & Piano Concert**  
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.

**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

**Fall Festival**

Food | Music | Games | Inflatables  
Dessert Walk | More

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*Fun for all ages!*

Nashville Baptist Church  
512 E. Washington St. Nashville, NC

**Free Entry** Nov. 2023  
3 - 5 pm

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS**

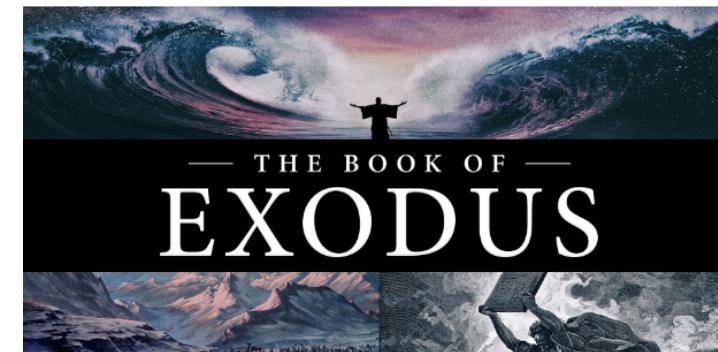
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God in honor of Kenley Byrd's 23rd birthday by the Byrd Family.



*Item of the Month* **October**

- Canned Beef Stew and Chicken & Dumplings
- Rice





## Defying Gravity