

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Lo, How A Rose.....arr. M. Mier
Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the middle of dark times, our Lord cries out:

“Comfort, comfort my people!”

When it seems as though we cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel,

Our Lord says to us, “ Be at peace, for your time of difficulty has ended.”

Lord, we await the time of comfort and peace!

Lord, we are thankful for your compassion and never-failing love for us. AMEN.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pam Bass & Brenda Brown

*RESPONSE

The Candle of Peace

*CAROL OF PRAISE NO. 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....VENI EMMANUEL

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Ross Strickland

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 CAROL NO. 80

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....PICARDY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Linda Cooper

*A DOXOLOGY NO. 253.....THE FIRST NOWELL

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION (SEE INSERT)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 82

Emmanuel.....MCGEE

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Into the stillness of a Bethlehem night, God came.

Into the silence of verdant pastures, God spoke.

Restore us, O God.

The quietude of the past is broken by the crackle of weapons. To the peace of the past:

Restore us, O God.

God came so the lost might find hope; The despairing might find safety;

Restore us, O God.

God came so that love might win over hatred and revenge, That we might be restored to the ways of peace by the Prince of Peace.

Restore us, O God.

Undeserving, we kneel at the manger. New life is ours for the asking.

Restore us, O God.

A grace beyond comprehension is given. To the peace which passes all understanding:

Restore us, O God.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Time in a Bottle: A God of Restoration!

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, (2 Peter 3:8-15a)

Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 53

In His Time.....IN HIS TIME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God is bringing light to our darkness. We are called to go into the world, confident in God’s loving presence, to serve others in need. Go, bringing hope and peace to this darkened world. Go in God’s love. **AMEN.**

*RESPONSE NO. 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel refrain..... VENI EMMANUEL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.....arr. Raymond Haan
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
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education
Clyde Patterson, Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Ross Strickland & Linda Cooper
Children's Church: Brenda Griffin
Nursery & Toddlers: Paula Strickland

2023 Financial Summary for 49 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.


Member Prayer Request

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| Tim Bartholomew | Herbert Hopkins | Dot Morris |
| Patsy Carty | Annie Jackson | Donald Parker |
| Charlene Dunn | Eric Jeffreys | John Scheipers |
| Weedie Hayes | Sue Jenkins | Jeremy Winstead |

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

Card Ministry to the Homebound

Special Called

CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING

Leadership & Ministry Team Nominations for 2024

Special Voting
TODAY after the worship service
An updated nomination list is available on the AV Table.

Kindness is in your blood



Tuesday, December 12, 2023
2 - 6 p.m.
redcross.org/give-blood

Help save a life.
Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Dough Holy Night

A deliciously family fun night!
Friday, December 15 | 6 p.m.
Ages: pre-K through 5th grade
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, or contact the NBC office.

NBC Angel Tree for Autumn Care
Choose an angel ornament from the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall to fulfill the needs of residents at Autumn Care.
Gifts are due Sunday, December 17.

The Nashville Baptist Church Music Ministry Presents the 3rd Annual

Christmas Worship Concert

SUNDAY | 17 | AT 6:00 PM
DECEMBER

Join us for a night of worship through music as we celebrate Christ's birth. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Sale for Missions

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| The remaining NBC 140th Anniversary ornaments will be sold for \$10 each or \$15 for two. Proceeds to benefit Missions. | A display ornament is available on the AV table. | Please pick up ornaments in the NBC office, M-Th, 9 am - 2 pm. |
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LONGEST Night SERVICE
Thursday 12/21/23 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023 5:30 p.m.



Time
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Bottle