

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

December 3, 2023

First 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....arr. John Innes
Clyde Patterson and Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

A SERVICE OF THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Blaine Pittman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Byrd

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Mr. Pittman

*CAROL NO. 77

Come Now Long Expected Jesus.....HYFRYDOL

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of manger and star, let us enter your story once again and find ourselves kneeling with the shepherds, singing with the angels and worshipping the Magi. Touch our hearts with the wonder of birth, and the depths of your love. Speak to us in word and song and lift us to the realms of glory.

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.*

HANGING OF THE WREATHS: Isaiah 9:6-7

Mr. Pittman

INSTRUMENTAL CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy.....Trad. English Carol
Karen Sawyer

THE POINSETTIA

Rev. Byrd

*CAROL NO. 78

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (stanzas 1 and 3).....ES IST EIN ROS'

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Mr. Pittman

INSTRUMENTAL CAROL

O Tannenbaum.....Trad. German Carol
Clyde Patterson

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Mr. Pittman

*CAROL NO. 83

Arise, Your Light Is Come.....FESTAL SONG

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Randy and Susan Frazier

*RESPONSE

Candle of Hope.....LYONS

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:4-7

Ross Strickland

*CAROL NO. 94

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (stanzas 1 & 4).....REGENT SQUARE

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL NO. 82

Emmanuel.....McGEE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Linda Cooper

*A DOXOLOGY.....THE FIRST NOWELL

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Time in a Bottle: A God of Restoration!
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 294

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (stanzas 1 and 4).....ADELAIDE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

If you choose, you can be an instrument of hope in the world.
If you choose, you can counter
the voices of anger and hate in the world.
If you choose, you can stand against
the fear that freezes the heart of many.
The choice is ours to make,
how we live moving through this Advent.
Spread the hope of the coming child
in a manger and His glorious return.
Go with God, who feeds our hopes and quiets our fears
through Christ Jesus, the light of the world.
Amen.

*RESPONSE NO. 76

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

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory.....REGENT SQUARE
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 & Education
Clyde Patterson, Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Ross Strickland & Linda Cooper
Children's Church: Ashley Winstead
Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

2023 Financial Summary for 48 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

Card Ministry to the Homebound

Special Called
**Leadership & Ministry Team Nominations for 2024**
Special Voting
December 10 after the worship service
The nomination list is available on the AV Table.

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.

The Nashville Baptist Church Music Ministry
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.

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 Wednesday, December 17.

LONGEST Night SERVICE
Thursday 12.21.23 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Items of the Month
December
• Soap
• Body Wash
• Shampoo

Hanging of the Greens Service