

# THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

*Baptism of the Lord*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### OPENING TO WORSHIP

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430 AD),  
**WORSHIP IN YOUR HEART:**  
*Worship the Lord in your heart,  
a heart widened and sanctified;  
for you are his regal and holy habitation.*  
EXPLANATIONS OF THE PSALMS 29:2.

### 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 I Want to Know You*.....arr. Cindy Berry  
Karen Sawyer

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 19:1-7

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

The windows of heaven are open, whether we realize it or not.  
The Spirit is moving around us whether we welcome it or not.  
Whether we serve or not, Christ has brought the Kingdom to us.  
This is the hour of salvation, whether we celebrate it or not.

Here and now, people of God, I invite you to a sharpened realization,  
an openhearted welcome, and a fulfilling celebration.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 4

*To God Be the Glory*.....TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### PSALTER: Psalm 29

Ronnie Rice

### 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. 362

*Baptized in Water*.....BUNESSAN

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Edward White

### \*A DOXOLOGY NO. 85.....OLD 100TH

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

### CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 244

*Spirit of the Living God*.....IVERSON

### JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

### NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 1:4-11

### A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

As we approach the LORD in prayer  
May we proclaim his glory and strength!  
We have been recreated anew by faith.  
Rejoice in the Holy Spirit and salvation through Christ.  
Remember the waters of baptism and be thankful.  
God continues to bless and will hear our prayers.  
*Let us pray.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*Like a River Glorious*.....arr. James Mountain  
Karen Sawyer

### SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

**Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?**  
Emphasis Text: Genesis 1:1-5  
Rev. Byrd

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 69

*Eternal Father, Stong to Save (stanzas 1 and 3)*.....MELITA

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the light always shine in your darkness.  
May your ears always hear the Word.  
May grace upon grace be yours, and  
may the glory of the Father's only Son be known to you  
now and forever.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

### \*RESPONSE

*As We Go*..... AS WE GO

### \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on DIX*.....arr. Janet Linker  
Clyde Patterson

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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  
Clyde Patterson, Organist  
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

## Today

Deacons: Ronnie Rice & Edward White  
Children's Church: Ashley Winstead  
Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

## 2023 Financial Summary for 53 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

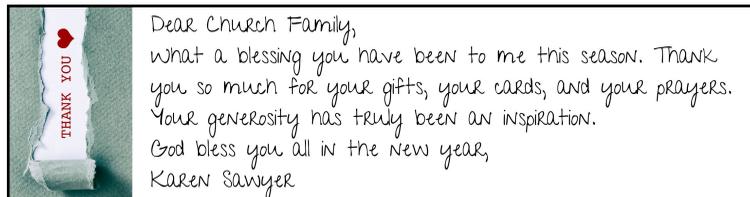
## Member Prayer Request

Tim Bartholomew	Herbert Hopkins	Claudia Mull
Wilbur Batchelor	Eric Jeffreys	Donald Parker
Janice Brown	Sue Jenkins	John Scheipers
Patsy Carty	Dot Morris	Jeremy Winstead
Weedie Hayes		

## Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Annette Carrico	J.R. McPherson
Harrison Barnett	John Chamblee	Louise Ramsey
Gerald Butler	Rudy Frazier	David Sawyer
Pam Butler	Joey Garrell	Edith Skinner
John Byrd	Gerald Hale	Janie Weaver
Veda Byrd	Kevin Hinsdale	Trudy Womack
Brenda Caldwell	Linda Jernigan	
Family of Buddy Caldwell	Abby Mayo	
	Bill & Lily Mayo	

## Card Ministry to the Homebound



## Communion Sunday & Benevolence Offering

NBC will take up a quarterly Benevolence Offering next week, January 14, during the worship service.

This offering is used for community outreach for those in need.

Please give as the Lord directs.



## Nan Strickland Flower Ministry

A ministry to brighten the days of our NBC homebound  
Next meeting | January 12 @ 10 a.m.  
Support | Join us or donate funds to "flower ministry"

## NBC Ministry Team Rally

Sunday, January 21, following worship ~ Lunch provided

This will be a special time of planning and fellowship as we move forward in ministry together in 2024!

## Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2024

after the worship service and meal,  
just before the Ministry Team Rally



## Youth Dinners

A new rotation for NBC Youth Dinners has started. If you can help provide dinner for the NBC Youth on Sunday evenings, please contact Blaine Pittman.

## Item of the Month January

- Laundry Detergent



## Baptism of the Lord Sunday