

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

THEODORET OF CYR (c. 393 – 466 AD),

GOD'S KNOWLEDGE IS WONDERFUL.

And so loud is their proclamation that the whole human race hears their voice, "There are no speeches or utterances where their voices are not heard." For every race and every tongue hears the proclamations of day and night. Tongue differs from tongue, but nature is one and derives the same lesson from day and night. Thus the same author, singing the praises of the Creator in another psalm, says, "Your knowledge was wonderful to me; I was overwhelmed, and I could not reach to it."

DISCOURSE 4.4.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....arr. Lani Smith
Clyde Patterson and Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

PSALTER: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with you all.

And also, with you.

We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ, but because he has looked upon us and called us his own.

O God, you have searched us and known us, you read our every thought from afar.

There is not a word on my tongue that you do not know altogether.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 216

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....AZMON

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 1:1-9

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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way.....arr. Mark Rice

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Edward White

*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: John 1:43-51

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Gentle and patient

Careful and persistent

In grieving and in praise

Through dawn and midday

Unexpected and planned

In a still, small voice and in power

Spontaneous and prepared

Willing or protected

God, you are calling

Our God is eager to share with us,

wherever we are in our journey.

May we be diligent to listen

Let us pray.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

I Stand Amazed in the Presence.....Charles H. Gabrieln
Chancel Choir

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?

Emphasis Text: I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord (stanzas 1 and 3).....HERE I AM, LORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Partaking in the Bread

Partaking in the Cup

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads.

Respond to the Lord and say to him,

Speak, for your servant is listening.

May God be with you and speak through you.

May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life.

May the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen!

*RESPONSE

As We Go..... AS WE GO

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord.....HERE I AM, LORD
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: Ronnie Rice & Edward White
Children's Church: Brenda Griffin
Nursery & Toddlers: Paula Strickland

2023 Financial Summary for 1 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

Card Ministry to the Homebound

Thank You
NBC Family,
Numerous community members have been helped in the last six weeks with rent assistance, eyeglasses, electric bills, and gifts to provide a Christmas celebration for children. The individuals have either recently lost jobs, or are recovering from injuries or illness. They have all been so thankful for the support NBC provided and the hope it shines in their life during their difficult time.

Communion Sunday & Benevolence Offering

NBC will take up a quarterly Benevolence Offering TODAY during the worship service. This offering is used for community outreach for those in need. Please give as the Lord directs.



NBC Unity Groups

A place for you to grow in your relationship with Christ alongside other believers. Unity Groups meet at different times and places to fit your schedule.

To join an NBC Unity Group, contact Blaine Pittman to find a group that will fit your needs.

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!

Please contact the office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.



NBC MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Handbell Ensemble | Sunday @ 5:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir | Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Praise & Worship Ensemble | Every other Wednesday @ 5 p.m.



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



Samuel and Eli the priest