

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.
Finding God in All Things: A Marquette Prayer Book

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

How Beautiful.....T. Paris
Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

PSALTER: Psalm 62:5-12

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The love of God be with you all.
And also, with you.

Give praise to the God of all Creation.
Worship the One who calls us—
speaking with a voice familiar to His own,
offering an invitation to deliverance and salvation.
We will not be shaken as we worship,
and pour out our hearts in His presence!

Give your love to God today and celebrate His leading!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 621

Lead On, O King Eternal.....LANCASHIRE

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 12:12-20

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. 3

Worthy of Worship.....JUDSON

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Edward White

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 499

Open Our Eyes Lord.....OPEN OUR EYES

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The word of God came to Jonah.
The word of God comes to us:
GO!
Despite our fears!
Speak,
the truth of God!
Love,
our neighbor and our enemy!
Receive,
grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God!
Listen for God as we pray.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

You Are Lord.....Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?
Emphasis Text: Mark 1:14-20
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 330

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound.....NEW BRITAIN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now, follow where Christ calls you
and proclaim the message God gives you.
Wait in hope for God.
Avoid becoming bound up in the business of the world,
but live in readiness for the advancement of the Kingdom.

And may God be your haven and your glory;
May Christ Jesus give you courage for his mission;
And may the Spirit embrace your soul in God's silence.

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

Worthy of Worship.....JUDSON
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
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Ronnie Rice & Edward White
Children's Church: Kelle Joyner
Nursery & Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

2023 Financial Summary for 3 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Brenda Caldwell	J.R. McPherson
Harrison Barnett	Rudy Frazier	Louise Ramsey
Gerald Butler	Joey Garrell	Edith Skinner
Pam Butler	Gerald Hale	Christ Strickland
John Byrd	James Leggett	
Veda Byrd	Bill & Lily Mayo	

Card Ministry to the Homebound

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God by the Hospitality Team who provide, and care for, the plants in our sanctuary throughout the year.



NBC Ministry Team Rally

TODAY following worship ~ Lunch provided

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

NBCU WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER 2024

Classes begin on **January 28, at 9 AM.**
Classes meet on the 2nd floor of the education building.

Class Option 1
A study of Ephesians

Class Option 2
"Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God"
by: Max Lucado

Young Adult Class
"A Life Beyond Amazing"
by: David Jeremiah"



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 MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Praise & Worship Ensemble | Every other Wednesday @ 5:30 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



Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?