

# THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## GATHERING MUSIC

### OPENING TO WORSHIP

ORIGEN OF ALEXANDRIA (185 – 254 AD),

#### BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS.

*We can be prepared to find some prophet even of impiety—and perhaps not just one but several—who will tell us of a word of the Lord, which the Lord has not at all commanded, or a “word of wisdom” which has nothing whatever to do with wisdom.*

*His purpose is to slay us by the word of his mouth.*

EXHORTATION TO MARTYRDOM 8.

### 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

*It Is Well*.....arr. Tom Fettke  
Karen Sawyer

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, you people of God!

***We give thanks to God with all our hearts!***

The works of the Lord are great  
and marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord feeds the faithful and watches over those  
who observe the commandments.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God and be counted among the wise.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 14

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....LOBE DEN HERREN

### PSALTER: Psalm 111

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. 406

*The Solid Rock*.....SOLID ROCK

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Edward White

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

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

### CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 146

*O How He Loves You and Me*.....PATRICIA

### JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

### GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

### A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*Though we think we know it all, our lives reflect how little we respect others and how often our words and actions damage those around us. Let us come to our God with our prayers and hearts to be healed,*

*forgiven, and made whole.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

*Bow The Knee*.....arr. Tom Fettke  
Chancel Choir

### SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

***Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?***

Emphasis Text: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Rev. Byrd

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 426

*Victory in Jesus stanzas 1 and 3*.....HARTFORD

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now, and heed God’s message.

Never forget God’s wonderful mercy and kindness.

Welcome the freedom that is won in truth,

but never use your freedom to undermine others.

See that your words and actions are worthy of praise.

May God uphold you in a lasting covenant.

May Christ Jesus free you from all that would harm you.

May the Holy Spirit nourish you in wisdom and faithfulness.

We 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

*God of Grace and God of Glory*.....arr. Hal Hopson  
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: Ronnie Rice & Edward White  
Children's Church: Debi Davenport  
Nursery & Toddlers: Carol Gay

## 2024 Financial Summary for 3 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

## Member Prayer Request

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

## Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Veda Byrd	Kevin Hinsdale
Harrison Barnett	Brenda Caldwell	James Leggett
Gerald Butler	Annette Carrico	Bill & Lily Mayo
Pam Butler	Rudy Frazier	Louise Ramsey
John Byrd	Gerald Hale	Chris Strickland

## Card Ministry to the Homebound

### TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruby Mae and J. L. Hinton by Sarah Hinton and Family.



## NBCU WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER 2024

Classes begin  
**TODAY, at 9 AM.**  
There is still time to sign up.

**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"

Hosted by:  
Fellowship Team

## Family Night Meal

February 7, 2024, @ 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

\$5 payable at the door

Quarterly Business Meeting to follow

Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.



## 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.

Contact Blaine Pittman for more information.



## 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



Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Never Happy:  
Things Could Be Better?