

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

THEODORET OF CYR (393 – 466 AD),
HOW CAN ONE COMPARE?

To him who has performed works, to him who has accomplished these works and who continually goes on performing them, to whom do you compare him? What mark of respect do you offer to him that is worthy of him?

COMMENTARY ON ISAIAH 12.40.25.

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

Perlude in Classic Style.....Gordon Young
Clyde Patterson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

PSALTER: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Great is our God and abundant in power,
with wisdom beyond our understanding.

It is God who numbers the stars
and gives each of them a name,
yet bends and heals the broken-hearted
and binds up all their wounds.

All: **Praise be to God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 20

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above.....MIT FREUDEN ZART

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:29-39

Sandra Manning

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. 43

This is My Father's World.....TERRA PATRIS

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jack Sieber

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 177

Open Our Eyes Lord.....THAT NAME

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 9:16-23

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The closer you come to God as you ascend the slopes of contemplation,
the greater your craving to love one another in thought and action grows.
The Apostle Paul became all things to all people for the sake of the
Gospel to win them to Christ. Will we do all things for the sake of Christ
to share the hope of salvation? Search your hearts during this time of
prayer.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Lord, Here Am I.....John Ness Beck
Blaine Pittman, Clyde Patterson, and Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Never Happy: Things Could Be Better?
Emphasis Text: Isaiah 40:21-31
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 456

Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....PRECIOUS LORD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May you run and not be weary.
May you rise up on the wings of eagles.
May you know without a doubt
that the everlasting God goes with you!

May God give you the strength and freedom of an eagle.
May Christ be the bread that nourishes and renews you.
And may the Holy Spirit be the rising wind beneath your wings.

Amen!

*RESPONSE

As We Go..... AS WE GO

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....PRECIOUS 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: Sandra Manning & Jack Sieber
Children's Church: Ashley Winstead
Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

2024 Financial Summary for 4 Weeks will be shared in the Sunday, February 11, bulletin.

Member Prayer Request (as of 1.25.24 printing)

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members (as of 1.25.24 printing)

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 Warren & Hilda Evans by their family.



Hosted by: Fellowship Team	<i>Family Night Meal</i> 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.
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Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
after the Family Night Meal

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 2024 | 6 p.m.

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.

Items of the Month **February**
• Spaghetti Noodles
• Canned Sauces

