

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

MARTIN LUTHER (1483 – 1546 AD), **GET MOVING AND DOING.**
When I am assailed with heavy tribulations, I rush out among my pigs rather than remain alone by myself. The human heart is like a millstone in a mill: when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour: if you put no wheat, it still grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds and wears away. So the human heart, unless it be occupied with some employment, leaves space for the devil, who wriggles himself in and brings with him a whole host of evil thoughts, temptations, and tribulations, which grind out the heart.

THE TABLE TALK OR FAMILIAR DISCOURSE OF MARTIN LUTHER.

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

Come Thou Almighty King.....arr. Anna Laura Page
Clyde Patterson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 9:8-17

*CALL TO WORSHIP

During this reflective, season of Lent, the saving grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

The forty days of Lent are a time for self-examination and correction. Just as Christ fasted in the desert, leaving behind comforts and cleaving to the basics of his faith, so we go back to the basics of belief and trust. Just as he faced temptations and sorted out the way ahead, so we confront our temptations and seek to re-find the true path on which we should tread.

May God strip us of every unnecessary weight that weighs us down. In this way, we get ready for the fulfillment of God's amazing love on the cross, that most holy event which is both wondrous and yet deeply scandalous.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 74

O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....ST. ANNE

PSALTER: Psalm 25:1-10

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.*

LENTEN WREATH

Randy and Susan Frazier

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 406

The Solid Rock.....SOLID ROCK

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jack Sieber

*A LENTEN DOXOLOGY NO. 449TALLIS' CANON

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 344

Jesus Loves Me (stanzas 1 and 2).....CHINA

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

EPISTLE READING: I Peter 3:18-22

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Our God is ever more ready to listen than we are to pray. Let us bring our whole selves to this time of prayer, opening our hearts to God calling upon our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Wonderful, Merciful Savior.....D. Rodgers and E. Wyse
Shelley Byrd and Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Bookshelf Wealth of Life!
Emphasis Text: Mark 1:9-15
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days.....NEW BRITAIN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God,
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High,
walk in faith, covered by the Grace of God,
knowing Christ walks with you.
Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choral Amen..... THREEFOLD 1
Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock.....SOLID ROCK
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: Kelle Joyner
Nursery & Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

2024 Financial Summary for 6 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Veda Byrd	Barbara Strickland
Wanda Andrews	Brenda Caldwell	Harris
Harrison Barnett	Annette Carrico	Kevin Hinsdale
Gerald Butler	Rudy Frazier	Louise Ramsey
Pam Butler	Gerald Hale	Chris Strickland
John Byrd		

Card Ministry to the Homebound

Abigail Grace Mayo announces the birth of her precious sister, Madeline (Maddie) Olivia Mayo, born on Friday, January 12, 2024, weighing 7 lbs. Proud parents are Bill & Lily Mayo. Even prouder, grandmama, Sandra Mayo.

