

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

WILLIAM LAW (1686 – 1761), **LOSING YOUR LIFE.**

Now as it was the spirit of the world that nailed our Blessed Lord to the Cross; so every man that has the spirit of Christ, that opposes the world as he did, will certainly be crucified by the world, in some way or other.

A SERIOUS CALL TO THE DEVOUT LIFE XVII.

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

Faith to Carry On.....Don Besig
Tim Surles and Blaine Pittman

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

PSALTER READING: Psalm 22:23-31

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus prepared himself and his puzzled disciples for suffering. Those who suffer for righteousness' sake are deemed happy by Jesus. Those who compromise to avoid any pain are deemed miserable by Jesus.

Let these words speak to us:

God has not forgotten or ignored the believers who suffer, never is the face of God hidden from the afflicted. Every plea has been heard, every cry touches the heart of God, the burdened shall find satisfaction. Those who truly put God first shall overflow with praise, their hearts shall live and rejoice forever!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God Almighty.....MELITA

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Shirley House and Kelle Joyner

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 60

Be Thou My Vision.....SLANE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jack Sieber

*A LENTEN DOXOLOGY NO. 449TALLIS' CANON

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 457

Lord, Be Glorified.....BE GLORIFIED

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:13-25

A CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Given a test on our faith, would we have a passing grade? Looking at our lives of discipleship, would we be considered good models for others? When we fail to trust God, we discover that we do indeed lead barren lives. Let us be honest as we stand before our God and bring our confessions for forgiveness and hope.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Midnight Cry.....Greg Day and Chuck Day
Tim Surles and Blaine Pittman

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Bookshelf Wealth of Life!
Emphasis Text: Mark 8:31-38
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 285

Wherever He Leads I'll Go (stanzas 1 and 4).....FALLS CREEK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jesus said:

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

Learn from Christ, trust him, delight in him, and give your whole life to him. Go into a world that needs hope and healing found in the love of Christ. Though the journey appears long, the Lord provides what this world cannot give and cannot take from you.

Our Journey continues. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choral Amen..... THREEFOLD 1
Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Sarah Hinton

**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
Sarah Hinton, Alternate Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Sandra Manning & Jack Sieber
Children's Church: Debi Davenport
Nursery & Toddlers: Carol Gay

2024 Financial Summary for 7 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	Healon Smith
Weedie Hayes	Sue Jenkins	Dave Werts
Jane Hedgepeth	Dot Morris	Jeremy Winstead

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

To Our NBC Family,
Thank you so much for the condolences received through cards, texts, visits, and phone calls following the passing of our mother, Annie Jackson. She loved her church family, and she would be so pleased with all the love and support we have received.

Much love,
Rosemarie, Cindy, Gail, and Family

(condensed for space,
the full note will be in the March
2024 Byline)



Devotional for Lent Season

Pick up your copy
in the Narthex



North American Mission Board

Week of Prayer

March 3-9, 2024

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



Women's Weekday Bible Study

Introductory Meeting

Tuesday, March 5 | time TBD

Study: *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado

Watch for more details. Contact Blaine Pittman or Sonja Rounds.



Items of the Month February

- Spaghetti Noodles
- Canned Sauces



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father, Lewis Beal.

~ Ed & Ann Gaskins, Lou Collins, and Patsy Carty