

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

BEDE THE VENERABLE (C. 672 – 735),
THE CLEANSED TEMPLE OF CHRIST.

With perfect justice he banished the wicked from the temple, since the temple represented the temple of his body, in which there was no stain of any kind of sin.

HOMILIES ON THE GOSPELS 2.1.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus.....arr. John Innes
Clyde Patterson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

PSALTER READING: Psalm 19

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Lord be with you,
And also with you.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God
May our worship reflect God's glory.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
May we see each other as the handiwork of God.
Let our prayer and praise,
our singing and proclamation project the love of God.
We stand with Christians around the world,
with Christians throughout time.
With Christians across the world and time,
Let us worship!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Heavens Shout.....FESTAL SONG

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17

Linda Cooper

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

Britt Bobbitt and Conner Ezzell

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 476

Be Strong in the Lord.....STRENGTH

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jack Sieber

*A LENTEN DOXOLOGY NO. 449TALLIS' CANON

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS

Change My Heart, O God.....CHANGE MY HEART

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 1:18-25

A CALL TO CONFESSION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
at this mid-point in the Lenten journey,
look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.

May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to Your love and truth.

We pray that this church community,
will be purified in its life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal Your Gospel to others.

In a moment of silence we sit before You,
and name those things for which
we seek Your cleansing and healing,
so that we may be more faithful disciples.

Remember in Jesus we are made clean
By the words he has spoken to us.
There is room in our lives for the Holy One to dwell.
Thanks be to God.

May Christ hear us as we pray...

Silence

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Glory and Grace.....Phillip M. Young
Chancel Choir

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Bookshelf Wealth of Life!
Emphasis Text: John 2:13-22
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 280

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (stanzas 1 and 4)..NEAR THE CROSS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Beloved, may Jesus Christ go ahead of you this week, turning
over the tables that distract and raising you up to join in the
abundant life of the Triune God whose love binds us together
as the Body of Christ.

Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choral Amen..... THREEFOLD 1
Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Be Strong in the Lord.....STRENGTH
Karen Sawyer

**Congregation stands, who are able*
All scripture readings are from *The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.*

Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Jack Sieber
Children's Church: Ashley Winstead
Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

2024 Financial Summary for 8 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

Tim Bartholomew	Herbert Hopkins	Donald Parker
Wilbur Batchelor	Eric Jeffreys	John Scheipers
Janice Brown	Sue Jenkins	Healon Smith
Patsy Carty	Peggy King	Dave Werts
Weedie Hayes	Dot Morris	Jeremy Winstead
	Claudia Mull	

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

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 our parents, John Allen & Martha Joyner and Bruce & Eleanor Rice by Ronnie & Cheryl Rice.

The Ministry of Worship

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr., Pastor
Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education
Clyde Patterson, Church Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

North American
Mission Board
Week of Prayer
March 3-9, 2024



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Envelopes and prayer guides are
available in the Narthex.

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

TEMPORARILY
CLOSED !

The NBC Fellowship Hall
will be unavailable all day
Tuesday, March 5.

Please come through the office
entrance on this day.



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.

Special Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
after the Family Night Meal

If you did not receive the email with the meeting
discussion topic, please contact the office.



Items of
the Month
March

- Tuna
- Tuna Helper



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT