

THE WORSHIP OF THE LORD

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430),

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE FORMED IN TORAH.

Learn, all of you—learn! What better law of God is there, after all, than the holy gospel? It is the law of the New Testament, about which you heard, when the prophet was read, “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, I will perfect on the house of Jacob a new testament, not like the testament that I laid down for their ancestors when I led them from the land of Egypt.” The testament (or covenant) is promised there, delivered here. It is promised through the prophet, delivered through the Lord of the prophets. SERMON 25.1.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....arr. Gilbert Martin
Clyde Patterson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace, mercy, and peace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also, with you!

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob.”

God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.

Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

Lord, help us to change.

Choir sings: “Change My Heart, O God” through 1 time.

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

But we have failed to be God’s people. We have chosen our own way.

Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God’s own Son.

Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy.

All: AMEN!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 323

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy.....RESTORATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 51:1-12

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

Edward and Marci White

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 143

What Wondrous Love Is This.....WONDROUS LOVE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

*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: Hebrews 5:5-10

AN INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*...and he became the source of eternal salvation
for all those who obey him.
Hebrews 5:9 (NLT)*

By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

Join me in prayer.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Sometimes I Hear God's Music.....Joseph Martin
Susan Frazier and Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

Bookshelf Wealth of Life!

Emphasis Text: John 12:20-33

Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 309

Lord, I'm Coming Home (stanzas 1 and 4).....COMING HOME

*WORDS of MISSION and BENEDICTION

Fix your eyes on the Lord. Place your hand in His, trusting in His guidance and comfort.

Go into this world, which needs so much the words of healing love, and bring the good news of God’s absolute love and presence to all people.

Go in peace!

Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choral Amen..... THREEFOLD 1
Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....HAMBURG
Karen Sawyer

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

Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Ross Strickland
 Children's Church: Kelle Joyner
 Nursery & Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

2024 Financial Summary for 10 Weeks

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Needed: | \$6,855.88 | \$61,702.92 |
| Received: | \$3,005.00 | \$77,305.67 |

Member Prayer Request

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| Tim Bartholomew | Weedie Hayes | Claudia Mull |
| Wilbur Batchelor | Eric Jeffreys | Donald Parker |
| Christie Briggs | Sue Jenkins | Fred Seiber |
| Janice Brown | Peggy King | Healon Smith |
| Patsy Carty | Nancy Machuca | Dave Werts |
| Dexter Denton | Dot Morris | Jeremy Winstead |

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

Card Ministry to the Homebound

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| June Joyner 306 East Virginia Ave. Nashville, NC 27856 | Dot Morris Spring Arbor of Rocky Mount 1251 S. Winstead Ave., Room 205 Rocky Mount, NC 27803 |
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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of
 God and in loving memory of Tom Mayo,
 by Sandra, Thomas, Bill & Lily Mayo.

The Ministry of Worship

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

Seniors on the Go!



Tuesday, March 19, depart @ 11:00 a.m.

Something Different | 3342 Airport Rd, Wilson, NC

Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, March 17, if interested in attending.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Study: Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado

Contact Blaine Pittman or Sonja Rounds for more information.

**Palm Cross
 Workshop
 Thursday,
 March 21
 6 p.m.**

Sign-up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday

March 24

after worship service

3 yrs - 5th G.

Holy Week @ NBE

Maundy Thursday Service - 3/28 @ 6 p.m.

Holy Week Musical Presentation - 3/29 @ 6 p.m.

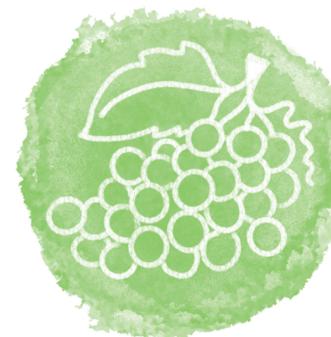
Easter Schedule - 3/31

-Sunrise Service, Forest Hills Cemetery @ 7 a.m.

-Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

-NBCU Classes @ 9 a.m.

-Easter Celebration Worship Service @ 10 a.m.



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