

The Worship Of The Lord

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430),
**BECOMING A KING IS NOT A
PROMOTION FOR THE LORD.**

What a cross of mental suffering the Jewish rulers must have endured when they heard such a great multitude proclaiming Christ as the King! But what honor was it to the Lord to be King of Israel? How great was it for the King of eternity to become the King of humanity? Christ was not the King of Israel so that he could exact tribute, put swords in his soldiers' hands and subdue his enemies by open warfare. He was King of Israel in exercising kingly authority over their souls, in consulting for their eternal interests, in bringing into his heavenly kingdom those whose faith, hope and love were centered in himself. For the Son of God, the Father's equal, the Word by whom all things were made, in his good pleasure to be King of Israel was a demotion not a promotion, a sign of his pity not an increase of his power. For he who was called on earth the King of the Jews is in heaven the King of angels.
TRACTATES ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 51.4.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....Lloyd Larson
Handbell Ensemble and Karen Sawyer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

The stone which the builders rejected,
has become the keystone of the corner.
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
This is the day which the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*PROCESSIONAL OF THE PALMS NO. 130

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.....ELLACOMBE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

Ed and Jackie Harris



*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 215

Majesty.....MAJESTY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

*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: Philippians 2:5-11

AN INVITATION TO CONFESSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
Philippians 2:5*

Where do we hide our palm branches when the parade is over?
When do our hosannas become cries for punishment? Like
those before us, how do we turn our backs on the One who
comes to us in the name of the Lord? The One who humbled
himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on
a cross. As we begin Holy Week, let us admit what is true about
ourselves, as we approach the Lord in prayer,

Join me in prayer.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Handbell Ensemble

SHARING IN GOD'S WORD

**Bookshelf Wealth of Life -
RIDE ON, KING JESUS**
Emphasis Text: John 12:12-16
Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 129

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (stanzas 1 & 3).....STORIES OF JESUS

*WORDS of MISSION and BLESSING

Go gladly on your way as those who have recognized the
Palm Sunday man as the key to the healing of the world.
**Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!**

Translate your hosannas in the language of daily living, so
that each task and each person may receive the best you can
offer in those circumstances.

**Hosanna! Wonderful is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!**

The enduring love of God will encircle you,
The amazing grace of Christ Jesus will cover you,
The sure friendship of the Spirit will inspire you,
both today and evermore.
**Both today and evermore.
Amen!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Choral Amen..... THREEFOLD 1
Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY



*POSTLUDE

All Glory Laud and Honor.....arr. Janet Linker
Clyde Patterson

**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, Church Organist
Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Ross Strickland
Children's Church: Debi Davenport
Nursery & Toddlers: Carol Gay

2024 Financial Summary for 11 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

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

Prayer on Behalf of Members

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

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 Donald Cooper by Linda Cooper.



New Sunday Morning Schedule starting Sunday, May 5

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. - Fellowship
(Coffee & Doughnuts)
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - NBCU
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

After much consideration, NBC plans to implement a schedule change. This will provide an opportunity for individuals not presently attending NBCU to do so and add a "cushion" in the schedule for worship preparation (especially for the choir and musicians).

Easter Egg Hunt

TODAY

after worship service

3 yrs - 5th G.



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.



FLOWERING THE CROSS



Join us on Easter Sunday, March 31, and bring fresh flowers to be placed on a wooden cross at the front of the sanctuary. This practice dates back to the 6th century when Christian art showed the cross flowering upon the death of Christ.

Holy Week @ NBC

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.

