

The Worship Of The Lord

March 31, 2024

The Resurrection of Our Lord



GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING TO WORSHIP

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354 – 430), **THE LORD’S DAY.**

The first of the week is what Christian practice now calls the Lord’s Day because of the resurrection of the Lord.

TRACTATES ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 120.6.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing.....Healey Willan
Clyde Patterson

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

LITURGY OF LGHT– *The Paschal Candle:*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner’s fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to participate in that festival of Light, which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

Amen

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

May the light of Christ, who rises this day in glory, scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once, we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord’s people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(boldly) Christ is Risen! (3x)

(boldly) **He is risen indeed! (3x)**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

On The Third Day.....Allen Pote
Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Church Musicians

*HYMNS OF PRAISE NOS. 159 AND 163

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.....EASTER HYMN
Thine Is the Glory.....MACCABEUS

PSALTER READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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.

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 164

The Day of Resurrection.....LANCASHIRE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ross Strickland

*AN EASTER DOXOLOGY NO. 27LAST UNS ERFREUEN

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Byrd

JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Byrd

EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 15:1-11

AN INVITATION TO CONFESSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

As Easter people, we believe God is the Lord of both life and death.

We believe that in an astounding act of grace, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins.

We believe, three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead, promising us salvation, not because we deserve it, but out of love, through grace.

We believe we are called to respond to that gift of grace,

not out of duty, but in gratitude, to seek peace, care for the ill, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and welcome the outcast; to carry on Christ’s work until he comes again.

Because, as Easter people, we are confident Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Lord hear our prayers.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Beautiful Saviour.....arr. Tom Fettke
Susan Frazier, Blaine Pittman, and Karen Sawyer

SHARING IN GOD’S WORD WAITING FOR GOD, NO MORE!

Emphasis Text: **Isaiah 25:6-9**

Rev. Byrd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 407

Because He Lives (stanzas 1 & 3).....RESURRECTION

*WORDS of MISSION and BLESSING

As you leave the sanctuary, recall that there is Life after death.

Love yourself and your neighbor —

Exclaiming God as the source of life who

Loves all Creation!

Use your talents to make the world an “Easter place,”

Incorporating “resurrection newness” into your entire being.

Align with the risen Christ and live as Easter People!

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Low in the Grave He Lay (REFRAIN)..... CHRIST AROSE

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Brass Ensemble

**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

Brass Ensemble

Tyler Wrench - Trumpet
Isaac Reyes - Trumpet
Anna Miller - French Horn
Caleb Morris - Trombone
Gabe Willis - Tuba
Dr. William Beach - Tuba/Director

Today

Deacons: Linda Cooper & Ross Strickland
Children's Church: Rosemarie Evans
Nursery & Toddlers: Judy Edwards

2024 Financial Summary for 12 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

Member Prayer Request

Tim Bartholomew	Weedie Hayes	Claudia Mull
Wilbur Batchelor	Eric Jeffreys	Donald Parker
Christie Briggs	Sue Jenkins	Pat Parker
Janice Brown	Peggy King	Healon Smith
Patsy Carty	Dr. Joe Liverman	Dave Werts
Dexter Denton	Dot Morris	Jeremy Winstead

Prayer on Behalf of Members

Ella Ames	Veda Byrd	Kevin Hinsdale
Wanda Andrews	Brenda Caldwell	Louise Ramsey
Harrison Barnett	Annette Carrico	Bryan Robbins
Gerald Butler	Rudy Frazier	Johnathan Sawyer
Pam Butler	Gerald Hale	Betty Thompson
John Byrd	Barbara Strickland	
	Harris	

Card Ministry to the Homebound

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).

*The NBC Office will be closed
Easter Monday
April 1, 2024*

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.

Seniors on the Go!

Tuesday, April 9, depart @ 11:00 a.m.

Something Different | 3342 Airport Rd, Wilson, NC

Contact Cheryl Rice by Sunday, April 7, if interested in attending.

Items of the Month **March**

- Tuna
- Tuna Helper

