### **Announcements**

Sun. Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Worship Service "Problems and Solutions" John 11:17-27,47-53 Choir Practice	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Tue. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Church Tax Seminar at NBA	6:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Worship Service "The Hour Has Come" John 12 Choir Practice	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 28	Long Range Planning Neuse Baptist Assoc. Exec Brd. Mtg. At NBA Office/LaGrange	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 2	Wednesday Bible Study Ash Wednesday Service	3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.





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# The Worship of God – February 20, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## **COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Meditation and Silent Prayer		
PreludeMichael Cowan and Melony Rasbury Hymns of the Faith		
Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.		
PRAISE AND ADORATION		
Call to Worship		
<ol> <li>Father, we love You         We worship and adore You         Glorify Thy Name in all the earth</li> </ol>		
Chorus: Glorify Thy Name Glorify Thy Name Glorify Thy Name in all the earth		
2. Jesus, we love You We worship and adore You Glorify Thy Name in all the earth Chorus		
3. Spirit, we love You We worship and adore You Glorify Thy Name in all the earth Chorus		
Prayer of Adoration and InvocationPat Moore		

## WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

Hymn of Invi	tation and Acceptance
1.	Jesus is tenderly calling thee home, Calling today, calling today; Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam Farther and farther away?
	Chorus: Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.
2.	Jesus is calling the weary to rest, Calling today, calling today, Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest; He will not turn thee away. Chorus
3.	Jesus is waiting; O come to Him, now, Waiting today, waiting today; Come with thy sins; at His feet lowly bow; Come and no longer delay. Chorus
4.	Jesus is pleading; O list to his voice; Hear Him today, hear Him today; They who believe on His name shall rejoice; Quickly arise and away. Chorus
Benediction .	Dr. Dew
Postlude	Michael Cowan and Melony Rasbury A Parting Hymn

- 2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
  Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
  Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.

  Chorus
- 3. Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything,
  Now I gladly own Him as my King.
  Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary.

  Chorus
- 4. Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
  Oh, the grace that bro't it down to man!
  Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary.

  Chorus

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING



An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings. You may also use the enclosed envelope in your weekly packet to mail your tithes and offerings to the church.

### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



"Problems and Solutions"

John 11:17-27, 47-53

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Alas, and did my Savior bleed,
 And did my Sov'reign die?
 Would He devote that sacred head
 For sinners such as I?

#### Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

- 2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
  Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
  Chorus
- 3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in, When Christ the mighty Maker died For man, the creature's sin. *Chorus*
- 4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While Calvary's cross appears, Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears. *Chorus*
- 5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
  The debt of love I owe;
  Here, Lord, I give myself away,
  'Tis all that I can do.

  Chorus



Theme: Jesus raises his friend, Lazarus, from the dead. Scripture: *Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."* John 11:11 (NLT).

Do you have a friend that you would say is your best friend? (If you wish, let them tell you who their best friend is.) I hear a lot of people these days saying that someone is their "BFF". Do you know what "BFF" means? It means "Best Friend Forever". The idea of being "best friends" has been around for many, many years.

I even remember when I was about the same age as some of you, we often sang a song at Sunday School called "My Best Friend is Jesus." The song went like this: (Sing it for them, if possible.)

My best friend is Jesus, praise him, praise Him. My best friend is Jesus, Praise Him!

Can you imagine a better best friend to have than Jesus? Do you think Jesus had any friends that he might have considered a "Best Friend Forever"? Our Bible lesson today tells about Jesus and one of his friends. It tells about something very special that Jesus did for that friend. That friend's name was Lazarus.

Jesus received word from Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, that their brother was very ill. When Jesus heard about it, he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. This has happened so that God will receive Glory from this." So, although Jesus loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus he stayed where he was for two more days. Finally, he told his disciples that he was going to Bethany to the home of his friends. "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

The disciples said, "Master, if he's gone to sleep, he'll get a good rest and wake up feeling fine." Jesus was talking about death, but his disciples thought he was talking about taking a nap.

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, Martha ran to meet Jesus and told him that Lazarus had been dead for four days. "If only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

"Yes," Martha said, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."

So, Martha went back and got her sister Mary and they took Jesus to show him the place where Lazarus was buried. When he arrived at the tomb, Jesus told them to roll away the stone that covered the entrance. He prayed to his Father and then he called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" Do you know what happened? Even though he had been dead for four days, Lazarus walked out of the tomb! He wasn't dead — he wasn't even sick!

Oh my! How would you like to have a friend like that? Well, I do, and so do you! "My best friend is Jesus. Thank him! Thank him! My best friend is Jesus, Thank him!"

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that Jesus is our Best Friend Forever. We praise him, we love him, and we thank him for dying on the cross so that we might have everlasting life. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

## WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
 Caring not my Lord was crucified,
 Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary.

#### Chorus:

Mercy there was great, and grace was free; Pardon there was multiplied to me; There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.