

Berea Christian Church

March 8, 2026– 11:00 am

Robert L. Stovall, Pastor

WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD

The worship of the Triune God under the New Covenant is characterized by simplicity. In marked contrast to the complex and multi-layered worship of the Old Covenant – with its richly-robed legacy priesthood, its elaborately beautiful tabernacle and then temple, the sights and smells of its sacrificial system, and its yearly feasts, fasts, festivals, and sabbaths – New Covenant worship is centered around the primary means of grace which Christ set within His Church: prayer and praise, along with the reading and preaching of the Word. Its simplicity, however, does not make this worship easy; our obligations as kings and priests to our God (Exodus 19:6) require us to arrive prepared each Lord’s Day if we are to properly present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1, HCSB). In the quiet of the moments preceding the start of this morning’s service, seek that final preparation that will allow you to profit more fully from that worship of our God which is offered “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Lord’s Day Morning Worship

Prelude Organist

Greetings *Welcome & Exhortation* Pastor Rob Stovall

Call To Worship *Psalm 90: 12, 14, 17* (pg. 930) Pastor Stovall

HYMN # 713 *“Seek Ye First”* The Church of Christ

Confession of Sin The Church of Christ

Pastor: O Lord, our God, You have spoken plainly in Your Word, saying: *“Consider your ways!”* You have called us to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness. Yet we confess:

People: We have sought first our own comfort, and not Your kingdom. We have labored for what perishes, while neglecting what is eternal. Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: You have warned that when we prioritize ourselves above Your purposes, our labors become fruitless – our bags are filled with

holes, and our joy withers like the drought-stricken land. Yet, even in discipline, You speak in tones of mercy.

People: We have tasted the drought of disobedience. We have known the restlessness of misplaced priorities. But now, O Lord, we return to You, confessing our sin and pleading for grace.

Pastor: Your Word declares: *“Return to Me, and I will return to you.”* You have promised that when we seek You with all our heart, You will be found by us.

People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Cleanse us from our self-seeking ways. Restore in us a right spirit, that we may delight to do Your will.

Pastor: Teach us to number our days, to walk wisely and humbly, and to build what pleases You above all else.

People: Take our hands, O Lord, and direct our work. Take our hearts and renew our zeal. Take our lives and make them temples of Your glory.

All: We consider our ways before You. We turn from our sin. We look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. By Your Spirit, help us to walk in newness of life. In Christ’s name, Amen.

The Word of Pardon: *Isaiah 55: 6-7* (pg. 1148) Pastor Stovall

Response of Praise: *The Gloria Patri (MEINEKE)* The Church of Christ
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end – Amen, Amen.

Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 3: 1-12* (pg. 987) Pastor Stovall

Response to the Word:
Pastor: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.
People: As the waters cover the sea!

HYMN # 603 *“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”* The Church of Christ

Prayers of Adoration & Intercession Pastor Stovall
Leading in Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Haggai 1: 1-11* (pg. 1468) Pastor Stovall

Response to the Word:
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word *“Consider Your Ways”* Pastor Stovall

HYMN # 434 *“Revive Us Again”* The Church of Christ

Benediction *Pronouncing the Benediction* Pastor Stovall

Benedictory Response # 426 The Church of Christ
“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” (Chorus Only)

Postlude Organist

SERVICE NOTES:

* Offerings/Tithes box is at the **BACK** of the sanctuary.
* Scripture page numbers are in the NIV Pew Bibles.

BEREA’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Any changes are shown below in Monthly Calendar

Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study

BEREA’S MONTHLY CALENDAR

Mar 16 Suffolk Exchange Club 6:30 pm
Mar 17 North Suffolk Circle CHKD 6:30 pm setup Bingo
Mar 20 North Suffolk Circle CHKD BINGO NIGHT
Mar 29 PALM SUNDAY SERVICE & **CHURCH LUNCHEON**
April 2 EASTER CROSS CLOTH changed to BLACK
April 4 EASTER CROSS CLOTH changed to WHITE

PRAYER LIST

Lord hear our prayers for those who are sick, healing, or grieving, our Pastor, caretakers, military, educators, leaders, first responders, unspoken requests, and Lord especially those who are still unsaved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

BETTY BARNES ongoing tests	RUSSELL COLLINS
CURTIS JOHNSON	ELIZABETH DIANA
JO ANNE DEMATTO	TONYA (Kathy Wilcox sister)
SUSAN MANSFIELD	EULA & JERRY RUSS
WILMA JACK	JOAN (Wilma's neighbor)
CATHY (Helen Wylie's sister)	DEBBIE MCINTOSH breast cancer
KAY Vaughan WALKER dementia	WILLIE & GINGER COLLINS
MARY JEAN (John Burton's sister)	JAMIE ROLISON surgery 3/11/26
PETE BADOIAN threw back out	JOHN BURTON under the weather
ANNE COSTELLO (Bob Costello's mother) lung cancer	
KAREN COSTELLO good medical report	The family of NANCY SHARP
JOLEEN'S FATHER is in the hospital	NICK (Martha's nephew) very sick
COURTNEY (Nellie Carbaugh's neighbor) her father died	
WILMA JACK her Great Niece and her family, who are overseas.	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

HAZEL BRUSSO Room #233 at Maimonides Health Center on 6401 Auburn Drive, Virginia Beach 23464 757-538-1293

LINDA KNIGHT at Bickford of Suffolk – 6860 Harbour Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

HILDA MANSFIELD – Apt. #242
Lake Prince Woods - 100 Anna Goode Way, Suffolk, VA 23434

We are having lunch, after our church worship service, on Palm Sunday because it actually fell on Easter this year..



PALM SUNDAY
March 29th

Bring your favorite dish and desert.

It will be simple with Berean love and great food.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE DONATE CANNED FOOD AND NON-PERISHABLE GOODS TO HELP FEED THE NEEDY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

FROM: 1ST TO 31ST OF MARCH

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