

The Chapel in the Pines

November 27, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ,*

First Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Alicia Delong and Steven Welch
in honor of Dillon's birthday.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude — Crown Him Lord of All Medley - Arranged

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation - Savior of the Nations, Come! - Jarrell

The Invocation and 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 and ever...Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Have you seen it...the Spark of Hope which God is placing among us.
**All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores,
holiday chores, darkness and fear.**

Look again...the Spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.
We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

A long time ago, people were afraid
and God brought to them the light of Christ.
**This Advent season may we expectantly anticipate
the light of Christ to enter our hearts once more.**

***Hymn** #124 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.



***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there was no justice.
We live in fear, as though there was no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your compassion and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation...**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 24:36-44
*Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

Special Music

Homily To Be Left Behind

Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

Offertory — Es Ist Ein Ros - Wellman



***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #551 Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

Should there be any rivers we must cross
Should there be any mountains we must climb
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us grace till we reach the other side
We have come from ev'ry nation
God knows each of us by name
Jesus took His blood and washed my sins
And He washed them all away
Yes there are some of us
Who have laid down our lives
But we all shall live again on the other side



***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #242 While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting come
While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

With pow'r and glory come
With pow'r and glory come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

Come Savior quickly come
Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

***Postlude** — Brightest and Best - Smith



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Phyllis Mahin, Jack Sealey, Mary Faas, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Laurie Stevens, Evangeline Caliandro, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Val Scantlin, Joseph Rickards, Lou Mathews, Cami Thistles, Charlie Murray, Father Gary Sawtelle, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, and the people of Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Charles Hinson, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Joan Tourt, Peggy Olson, Shirley Percival, Alicia Delong and JoAn Moses.

December Announcements

December

12-4 Bob Dantzer
12-11 John Caggiano
12-18 Alice McPheeters
12-25 **Volunteer Needed**



12-1 Phyllis Young
12-1 Bob Dantzer
12-5 Peggy Reuter



December
ANNIVERSARIES

12-10 Joyce & Worth Singletary

Looking Ahead!

Wednesday-November 30

5:30 pm
6:00 pm

Chapel Choir Practice
Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday-December 1

4:00 pm

Darkness to Light

Sunday-December 4

9:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm

Advent Afternoons

4:00 pm

Advent Afternoons—Online

Wednesday-December 7

5:30 pm

Chapel Choir Practice

6:00 pm

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Friday-December 9

10:00 am

Mission Team

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Friday-December 9

6:00 pm

Movie "The Bishop's Wife"

Sunday-December 11

9:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm

Chapel Board Meeting

4:00 pm

Advent Afternoons

3:00 pm

Advent Afternoons—Online

Friday-December 16

Movie—"It's A Wonderful Life"

Monday-December 12 through Friday-December 16

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Christmas Gift Distribution

Sunday-December 18

9:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm

Advent Afternoons

4:00 pm

Advent Afternoons—Online

Saturday-December 24

4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Candles Carols and Communion

Sunday-December 25

9:00 am

Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

A Service From Darkness to Light

4:00 pm, Thursday—December 1

What Does the Future Hold?

This time of year it is so easy to be caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season that we often forget that the reason we celebrate so joyously is because God is to be revealed to us once again in the birth of a baby who came to redeem the world. And, not only does Jesus reveal the nature of God to us, but through his life and teachings we also discover what it is to be truly human so that we might come to understand our God-given potential as human beings.

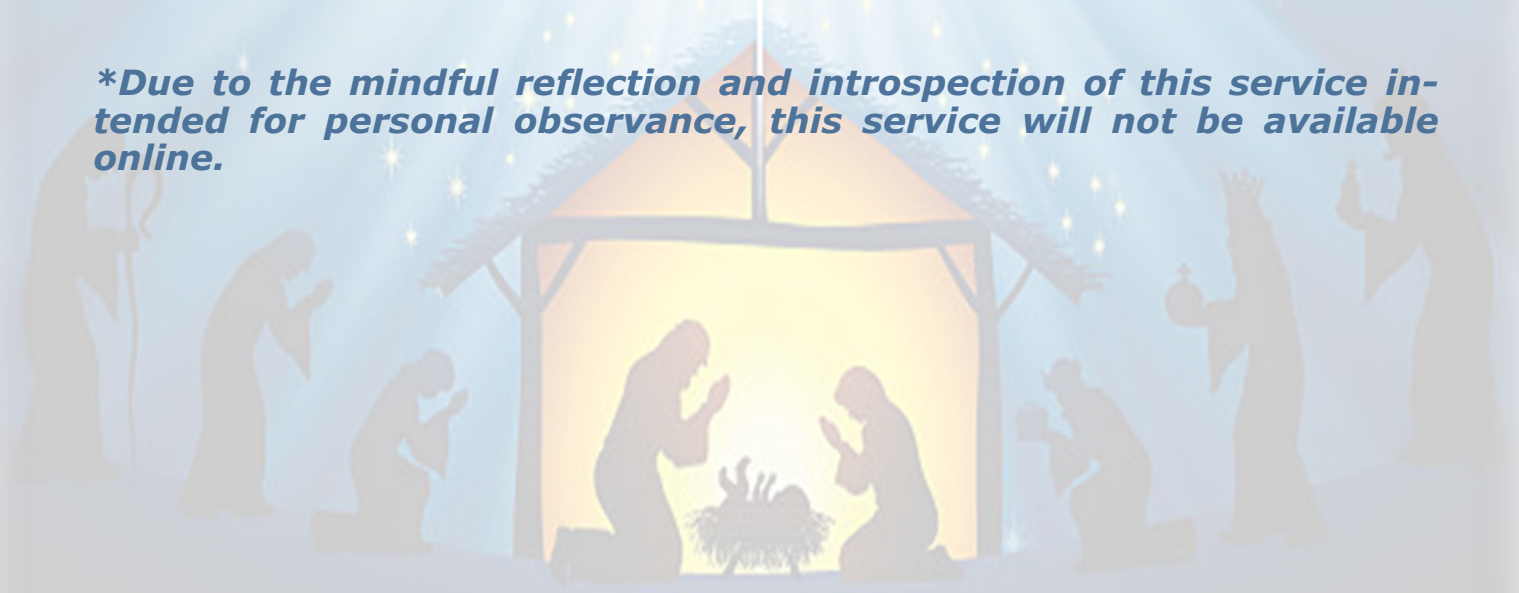
Also, because of past memories or present difficulties, Christmas is not always a joyous time for all of us. Sometimes the darkness overcomes us and we need a word of comfort and peace.

So, this Thursday at 4:00 I want to offer a time of silence and meditation so that we might ponder these things away from the holiday parties, the constant advertisements, and the demands of family and friends. My prayer is that this service will let us know that whatever darkness we are struggling with, our hope is in the coming light of Christ.

Please gather for worship at 4:00, this Thursday, December 1, for a time of being together in the presence of God.

The service will be followed by a covered-dish soup, bread, and dessert supper, so everyone please get out your favorite soup recipe and plan to join your Chapel Family and Friends for this traditional night of worship and fellowship.

****Due to the mindful reflection and introspection of this service intended for personal observance, this service will not be available online.***





Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Schedule The Chapel in the Pines - 2022-2023



November 27 - The First Sunday of Advent

The Sunday of Hope - 9:00

Scriptures: Psalm 122 and Matthew 24:36-44

Homily: To Be Left Behind

Advent Afternoons - The Angels of Christmas; Gabriel and Zechariah

In-Person - Fellowship Hall - 2:00 Online - 4:00

First in a series of Advent Daily Devotions by Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow

December 1 - From Darkness to Light - 4:00

Scriptures: Romans 13:11-14 and John 1:1-14

Homily: What Does the Future Hold?

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Soup, bread, and dessert covered-dish supper to follow

December 4 - The Second Sunday of Advent

The Sunday of Peace - 9:00

Scriptures: Psalm 72 and Matthew 3:1-12

Homily: Repent...Then what?

Advent Afternoons - The Angels of Christmas; Gabriel and Mary

In-Person - Fellowship Hall - 2:00 Online - 4:00

Advent Daily Devotions continue...

December 9 - Advent Movie at the Chapel - 6:00

The Bishop's Wife - Popcorn and drinks and the angel, Dudley



December 11 - The Third Sunday of Advent

The Sunday of Joy - The Celebration of Holy Communion - 9:00

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146, James 5:7-10, and Matthew 11:2-11

Homily: What's the Joy in Waiting?

Advent Afternoons

The Angels of Christmas; Joseph and the Angel of the Lord
In-Person - Fellowship Hall - 2:00 Online - 4:00

Advent Daily Devotions continue...

December 16 - Advent Movie at the Chapel - 3:00

It's a Wonderful Life - Popcorn and drinks and the angel, Clarence

December 17 - Christmas Cantata - TBA

December 18 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Sunday of Love - 9:00

Scriptures: Psalm 80, Romans 1:1-7, and Matthew 1:18-25

Homily: Prepare for the Unexpected?

Advent Afternoons - The Angels of Christmas; The Shepherds and the Angels
In-Person - Fellowship Hall - 2:00 Online - 4:00

Advent Devotions continue...

December 24 - Christmas Eve

A Service of Candles, Carols, and Communion - 4:00

Scriptures: John 1:1-5, 14-18, Luke 2:1-20, and Matthew 1:18-25

Homily: Truly and Fully Human

December 25 - Christmas Day

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Advent Devotions conclude as the Twelve Days of Christmas begin...

January 1 - Epiphany - 9:00

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, and Matthew 2:1-12

Homily: Welcoming the Light

