

The Chapel in the Pines

January 15, 2023

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Alicia Delong and Steven Welch
for the hope of Peace in the New Year.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

The call of God has come to us. How shall we respond?

We have many choices.

One is to sit and do nothing and see what God has in store.

Another is to prepare ourselves

for the coming of God's mighty kingdom

by repenting and changing our lives to be in tune with God.

Selah

We are called to active faith--to turn our lives around and work for God.
**God will be with us, forgiving, encouraging,
and strengthening us for God's work.**

Selah

Our Epiphany journey of preparation continues.
**We need to get ourselves ready to receive God's most precious gift.
Lord, help us to be strong and ready to follow you.
Open our hearts and spirits this day.**

Selah

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.**

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Psalm 72

May the reign of this son of mine
be as gentle and fruitful as the springtime rains upon the grass—
like showers that water the earth!
**May all good people flourish in his reign
with an abundance of peace to the end of time.**

Blessed be Jehovah God, who only does wonderful things!
**Blessed be the Lord's glorious name forever!
Let the whole earth be filled with God's glory. Amen and amen!**

***Hymn** #8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.



4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Amen.

***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

**O God, the stories of our faith have lost their power.
We have heard the prophecies spoken so many times,
the promises retold again and again,
the call to repent,
and the need to prepare ourselves for your coming
are repeated so often,
we don't really hear or heed them anymore.
Bring us back to a sense of mystery:
a sense of awe, a sense of wonder,
a sense of excitement, a sense of anticipation,
a sense that something special
is about to break into our everyday world.
Help us prepare our hearts, souls, and minds
for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Amen.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 3:1-12
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Homily Repent...Then What?



***Hymn** Breathe on me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The 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.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #280 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

1 I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

2 I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Amen.



***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #238 The King Is Coming

**O the King is com-ing, the King is com-ing!
I just heard the trum-pets sound-ing, and now His face I see.
O the King is com-ing, the King is com-ing!
Praise God, He's com-ing for me!**

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Joseph, Sandy and Ricky Rickards, Father Gary Sawtelle, Val Scantlin, Jamie Raskin, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, Mary Faas, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Denise DuLeon, Leric Racine, Joe Currie, the family of Ernie Martin, 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, Ralph Olson, Bill and JoAn Moses, Maarilyn McCaskill, Mama Dot Riggins, Tamara Lee and Jon Tichenor.



January Announce-

Sunday-January 15 Alice McPheeters
Tuesday-January 17 John Caggiano
Wednesday-January 18 Ginny Horchler
Sunday-January 22 Mary Tuft

Altar Flowers



January
1-22 Bart & Peggy Reuter
1-29 Volunteer Needed
February
2-5 Bruce & Vickie Bedder
2-12 Volunteer Needed
2-19 Volunteer Needed
2-26 Volunteer Needed

Looking Ahead!

Thursday-January 19	4:00 pm	<i>Chapel Café</i>
Sunday-January 22	9:00 am	Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday-January 29	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Thursday-February 2	2:30 pm	<i>Fran's Friends</i>
Sunday-February 5	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Friday-February 10	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday-February 12	9:00 am	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
		Chapel Board Meeting
Sunday-February 19	9:00 am	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



There are many opportunities in 2023 for assisting with our Coffee Fellowship after worship on Sunday mornings. Please use the signup sheet on podium just outside fellowship hall to let us know which Sunday(s) work for you. You can also call Susan Williams, Chapel Administrator (910) 400-5188 to have your name added to the list.



The 2023 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board just outside the Chapel Administrator office. Please sign up to let us know which Sunday(s) you would like to provide flowers for the altar and what occasion you are honoring. You can also call Susan Williams, Chapel Administrator to have your name added to the list (910) 400-5188.



**The Third
Chapel Cafe'
January 19, 2023 - 4:00**

All are invited to attend the Third *Chapel Cafe'* on Thursday, January 19, beginning at 4:00. In the previous *Chapel Cafe's* we have dealt with the questions of "what" and "why"... "what" is a church growth program and "why" would the leadership of the Chapel desire that we implement such a program?

This Thursday we will deal with the "how" question.... "how" will we develop and implement our 2023 church growth program? "How" will we seek out program leadership with a vision for the future? "How" will we attract members to fill out all the new volunteer opportunities? "How" will we design a church growth program to fit the unique needs of our Chapel? "How" will we come together to support and encourage one another through this time of change?

Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially those who have questions, concerns, and fears about this new program. Board members will be present to hear all your comments and concerns and a summary of your input will be available for future planning.

The discussion will be followed by a meal so reservations are required. Please let Susan [(910) 400-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com] know if you will be attending by Tuesday, January 17th.



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