

The Chapel in the Pines

November 12, 2023

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

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Katy Swain
in honor of husband Colin Swain's birthday.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

God is in God's holy temple. Be ready to greet the Redeemer.

**Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.**

God is with us and calls us to this holy hour.

We come rejoicing and praising God

This day let service to God be your choice.

**God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.**

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 78

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

**Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**



***Hymn**

#21 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
And laud and magnify?

3 O for the living flame,
From His own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought.

4 God is our strength and song,
And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaim'd
With all our ransomed pow'rs.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name
Henceforth forevermore.

Amen.

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

Dramatic Reading

The Prayer of Illumination

Let your Word dwell within us richly, O Lord. Open our ears that we may clearly hear your message—even through the chatter around and in us.

May your wisdom may shape, strengthen us, humble us, and transform us through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Reading from the Old Testament

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25



Special Music

So You Wanna Go to Egypt

Trey Lincoln

Homily

The Story of Us

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**We profess that you are God, O Holy One.
We have no other gods, and yet,
we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness.
Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors—
the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites.
We struggle with "other gods" here and now
who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance.
We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies
that we seek power from weapons of destruction.
Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you.
Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power.
Forgive us as we accept your gift from the cross
but fail to be willing to walk the way of suffering as did Jesus.
We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you.**

Let us pause for a time of silent confession.

And the people of God said.

We are Yours, O Lord. Amen.

The Declaration of Forgiveness

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing:
it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

**For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good
works,**

which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Prayers of the People



The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***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.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

*Hymn #376 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

***The Blessing**

*Hymn #601 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Thy truth may we be found.

Amen.

***Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Olivia Macdonald, Lerici Racine, Jamie Raskin, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Mabs and Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Bob Macdonald, Elsie Keeshen, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Chandler Stewart, Mary Ann Weiss, Drew Carr and family, Mary Faas, Robert Allen, Ann Rorie, Sharon Hacker, Doug Wilson, Barbara Sass, Ron and Sara (Cissy) Ellis, Michael Taylor, Dennis Lombard, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, and the family of Rhea Crow.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Shirley Percival, Joan Tourt, Sue Van Horne, Ray Tourt, Jimmy McCaskill, the family of Vi Schlup and the Family of Marge Blake.

November Announcements



Monday, November 13 Kathy Hilton
Thursday, November 16 Nancy Ayers
Saturday, November 18 Martha MacKay
Saturday, November 18 Pat Dantzer

Looking Ahead!

Wednesday-November 15 4:30 pm
Sunday-November 19 9:00 am
 4:00 pm
Wednesday-November 22 4:30 pm
Thursday-November 23 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
Sunday-November 26 9:00 am
Wednesday-November 29 3:00 pm
Wednesday-November 29 4:30 pm
Sunday-December 3 9:00 am
Wednesday-December 6 3:00 pm
Wednesday-December 6 4:30 pm

Coffee Fellowship



November
11-19 Covered Dish
11-26 Volunteer Needed
December
12-3 Volunteer Needed
12-10 Kathy & Stacy Golzio

To sign up for Coffee Fellowship: **Call** 910-944-5100
Email citp10@7lakeschapel.com
OR Sign up on the Podium outside the fellowship hall.

Altar Flowers

November

11-19 Mike & Sue Barry
11-26 **Volunteer Needed**

December

12-3 Bob Dantzer
12-10 Phyllis Young
12-17 Alice McPheeters



Chapel Choir Practice
 Forty-Seventy Anniversary of the Chapel
 Interfaith Worship Service
 Chapel Choir Practice
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
 Advent Bible Study
 Chapel Choir Practice
 First Sunday in Advent
 Advent Bible Study
 Chapel Choir Practice

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Prayers of Thanksgiving



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sandhills Jewish Congregation

Beth Shalom

131 Jackson Springs Rd, Jackson Springs, NC
(In Foxfire Village at intersection of Hoffman Rd and Jackson Springs Rd)

Sunday, November 19 at 4 PM

Local Congregations Join Together In Prayers of Thanksgiving

Clergy, lay leaders, and musicians from the following congregations are working together to lead the community in prayers of thanksgiving:

The Congregational Church of Pinehurst, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, Chapel in the Pines, Sandhills Jewish Congregation/ Beth Shalom, Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, Community of Mindful Living in the Pines, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Masjid Al-Madina Muslim Congregation
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Sandhills.

This is the 16th year of this annual event, designed to bring the whole community into a setting in which various traditions share their gratitude for the blessings of this nation and this world.

Please bring canned goods for the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for this wonderful event!!!

For more information call: 910-295-2243 or 910-673-5224

SHALOM
SALAAM
PEACE

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Advent at the Chapel - 2023 Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation



- November 29** Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation/Bible Study Session #1 - *Meanwhile* - Mark 13:24-37 - 3:00
- December 3** The First Sunday of Advent - Hope - Worship at 9:00
December 3 Daily Advent devotions by email begin.
- December 6** Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation/Bible Study Session #2 - Surprised - Mark 1:1-8 - 3:00
- December 7** A Service of Darkness to Light - 4:00
Take a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas and spend an hour to ponder the real meaning of Christmas.
Holy Communion
- December 10** The Second Sunday of Advent - Love - Worship at 9:00
- December 13** Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation/Bible Study Session #3 - Light - John 1:6-8, 19-28
- December 16** The Chapel Christmas Cantata - 4:00
Voices from The Chapel, Bensalem Presbyterian, and West End Methodist combine to celebrate the incarnation.
- December 17** The Third Sunday of Advent - Joy
Worship at 9:00 that includes Holy Communion
- December 17** The Bensalem Christmas Cantata - 6:00
Voices from The Chapel, Bensalem Presbyterian, and West End Methodist combine to celebrate the incarnation.
- December 20** Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation/Bible Study Session #4 - Rejoice - Luke 1:26-55
- December 24** The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Peace - Worship at 9:00
December 24 A Christmas Eve Service - 4:00
Carols, Candles, and Communion
- December 25** Daily Advent Devotions conclude.





Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation A Chapel Bible Study - Advent 2023

"In Advent, we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us.

*Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way."
-Reverend Doctor Will Willimon*

You are invited to join a four-part Advent Bible study that will meet on Wednesday afternoons beginning November 29th at 3:00.

November 29

Session #1

Meanwhile

Mark 13:24-37

The prophet Isaiah pled with God during the most difficult days in the history of Israel, "If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!" The Incarnation was God's answer to this prayer but that is not where Advent begins in the Gospel of Mark. Advent begins with apocalyptic talk of Jesus' second coming and it asks this question, "What are we to do in the meanwhile?"

December 6

Session #2

Surprised

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist appears out of nowhere and says, "I've got just one thing to say, 'Prepare! Here comes Jesus. Get ready to change direction. Be prepared to be surprised, all shook up, and turned upside down! Prepare! The star attraction is on the way.'" And, John announces that what is on the way is not just a change of heart, but the advent of a whole new world, the recognition of which will result in a whole new you.

December 13

Session #3

Light

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Fourth Gospel's John the Baptist is "a witness" who testifies concerning the light." In John's Gospel Jesus majestically pronounces, "I am the light of the world. In Matthew Jesus tells his disciples...and therefore tells us...that they are the light of the world. So, our chief task in life is to be a witness to the light of Christ by letting our "little light shine".

December 20

Session #4

Rejoice

Luke 1:26-55

Luke insists that before we can get to Jesus' miraculous birth we must meet two women, Elizabeth and Mary because if God should choose to show up to these two otherwise unknown women, God could just show up to anyone, anywhere. And, we must not only meet these women but we must hear them rejoice and sing.

"What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, and now. The goal of this study is to introduce you to a God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything." -Will Willimon

To save your spot for this study please call Susan in the Chapel office (910) 400-5188 or just fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate:

Name: _____ Email: _____