

The Chapel in the Pines

November 19, 2023

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

The Forty-Seventh Anniversary of the Chapel



The flowers on the Communion table this week are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Sue Barry in honor of their son Norm's birthday.

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation "Give Thanks"/Henry Smith

The Call to Worship JoAn Moses, Past-President 2013-2015

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

God created the heavens and the earth.

We raise our voices in songs and speech.

We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Lord, hear our prayers and accept our praise.

Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings with joy.

The Invocation

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise

Adapted from Psalm 123

I raise my eyes to fix my gaze on you, O God,
for your throne resides in the heavens.

**Just as the eyes of servants closely watch the hand of their masters,
just as a maid observes the slightest gesture of her mistress,
in the same way we look to you, Eternal One,
waiting for you to pour out your mercy upon us.**

O Eternal One, show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Have mercy on us.

*Hymn

#381 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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

Jane Lowe, Past-President

2004-2006

The Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our iniquities before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray...**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Prayer of Illumination

Harlan McCaskill, Past-President
Dick Van Horne, Past-President

2019-2020
2021

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 25:14-30

Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid...

Special Music

"Surely The Presence of The Lord is in This Place/Wolfe

Homily

Give It a Go!

The Prayers of the People

John Caggiano, Past-President 2016-2018

Celebrating the 47th Anniversary of the Chapel

George Norman, Past-President
Jon Tichenor, First Vice-President

2022-2023
2023 (President-Elect, 2024)

**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 that 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**



***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #379 Take My Life and Let It Be (verses 1-4)

- 1** Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days -
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2** Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3** Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4** Take my silver and my gold -
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #379 Take My Life and Let It Be (verses 5-6)

- 5** Take my will and make it Thine -
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart - it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6** Take my love - my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself - and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Olivia Macdonald, Leric 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.

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, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill.



November Announcements



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



Looking Ahead!

Wednesday-November 8	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
Saturday-November 11	7:45 am	Men's Fellowship
Sunday-November 12	9:00 am	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday-November 15	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
Sunday-November 19	9:00 am	Forty-Seventy Anniversary of the Chapel
Church-Wide Covered Dish		
Chapel Board Meeting		
Wednesday-November 22	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
Thursday-November 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Sunday-November 26	9:00 am	Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
	4:00 pm	Interfaith Worship Service
Wednesday-November 29	3:00 pm	<i>Advent Bible Study</i>
Thursday-November 30	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating for Advent



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: _____



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.



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

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