

# *The Chapel in the Pines*

**November 26, 2023**

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

## **The Reign of Christ Sunday**



**The Chiming of the Trinity**

**The Prelude**

**Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family**

## The Call to Worship

**One:** God of Life,

**All:** **you are as near to us as our breath.**

**Breathe your loving and renewing spirit into us.**

**One:** Touch our eyes,

**All:** **that we may see with your eyes of compassion**

**as we look at one another and at the world around us.**

**One:** Open our ears,

**All:** **that we may hear your invitation to serve**

**the cries of the hurting, the struggling,  
the hungry, and the poor.**

**One:** Enter our hearts,

**All:** **that we may be filled with your love toward all people,**

**for none of us are without sin, all of us have fallen short of your ex-  
ample.**

**One:** Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**All:** **Be with us now. Show us the way to new life**

**and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.**

## 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 100

**One:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**All:** **We exalt you, our God the King; we will praise your name for ever and ever.**

**Every day we will praise you and place our trust in you.**

**One:** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**All:** **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.**

**You are faithful to all your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

**One:** The LORD upholds all those who fall and raises up all who are bowed down. The LORD is near to all who call on him in truth, who revel in his love, who in tell of his compassion and grace.

**All:** **Our eyes look to you, O LORD.**

**We wait and trust that you will feed our soul as we open ourselves to you.**



**Hymn** #96) All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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

**All: and also with you.**

**The Passing of the Welcome Pads**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**Special Music** Choir

**A Reading from** Gospel According to Matthew Matthew 5:1-15

**Homily** **Where in the World is It?**

**Hymn:** We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings;  
We will glorify the lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;  
We will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness,  
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;  
He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe;  
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings;  
Hallelujah to the Lamb.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I AM.

**The Call to Confession**

**The Prayer of Confession**

**The Declaration of Forgiveness**



## **The Prayers of the People**

**All: Holy One,  
hear our prayers and create in us a clean heart,  
help us to be mindful of those who are fragile and in need of love  
so that we may be your hands, your feet, your mouthpiece. 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**                      # (601) Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings

### **\*The Blessing**

### **\*The 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, 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, Michael Taylor, Dennis Lombard, Gerry Crouch, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Barbara Sass, Ron and Sara (Cissy) Ellis.

## 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.

## Announcements



**Friday, December 1** Phyllis Young

## Looking Ahead!

<b>Sunday-November 26</b>	9:00 am
<b>Wednesday-November 29</b>	3:00 pm
	4:30 pm
<b>Thursday-November 30</b>	9:00 am
<b>Sunday-December 3</b>	9:00 am
<b>Wednesday-December 6</b>	3:00 pm
	4:30 pm
<b>Thursday-December 7</b>	4:00 pm
<b>Friday-December 8</b>	10 :00 am
<b>Saturday-December 9</b>	7:45 am
<b>Sunday-December 10</b>	9:00 am

## Coffee Fellowship



### December

**12-3 Volunteer Needed**  
**12-10** Kathy & Stacey Golzio  
**12-17 Volunteer Needed**  
**12-24 Volunteer Needed**  
**12-31 Volunteer Needed**

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



### December

**12-3** Bob Dantzer  
**12-10** Phyllis Young  
**12-17** Alice McPheeters  
**12-24 Volunteer Needed**  
**12-31 Volunteer Needed**

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday  
*Advent Bible Study*  
 Chapel Choir Practice  
*Christmas Decorating for Advent*  
 The First Sunday of Advent  
*Advent Bible Study*  
 Chapel Choir Practice  
 A Service of Darkness to Light  
 Covered Dish—Soups 'N' Bread  
*Christmas Wrapping Party*  
 Men's Fellowship  
 The Second Sunday of Advent

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## 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.

