

# *The Chapel in the Pines*

**December 3, 2023**

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

*Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation*

## **The Advent Sunday of Hope**



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given  
to the Glory of God by Bob Dantzer for the blessing that is past  
and in loving memory of Issy.**

**The Chiming of the Trinity**

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

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**The Prelude**

**The Preparation** "I Believe in Being Ready" Traditional Southern Gospel

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## *The Sacrament of Baptism*

**Kolton Michael Lawn**

**December 3, 2023**

### *The Presentation*

#### **Pastor Paul**

Hear these words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

Also, hear these words from Holy Scripture...

*This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls. Acts 2:39*

Obedying the words of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. Let us remember with joy our own baptisms as we celebrate this sacrament with the Lawn family.

#### **George Norman, President of the Chapel Board of Directors**

Representing the leaders of our church and on behalf of the members of this Chapel, I present Kolton Michael Lawn, son of Kathleen and Matt Lawn and brother of Maverick Lawn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

### *Questions To the Parents and the Congregation*

#### **Pastor to the Parents**

Kathleen and Matt, do you desire that Kolton be baptized?

#### **Pastor to the Congregation**

Do all of you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Kolton by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Jesus and to be a faithful member of Christ's universal church?

**We Do!**

#### **Pastor to the Parents**

Kathleen and Matt, do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior?

Do you affirm your dependence on the grace of God?

Do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to Kolton?

### *Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe God acts by the Spirit in Baptism, calling us by name to be God's beloved, giving us new life, and setting us in the fellowship of believers. Baptism reminds us that God loves us long before we can love God and that faith and repentance are necessary as our response to God's love. Though we are baptized but once, our response should continue and deepen throughout life.**

*-Adapted from A Declaration of Faith*

## *Thanksgiving Over the Water*

### **Pastor**

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks and we praise you for sending your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan River, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through his life, death, and resurrection we are promised life in all its fullness. We praise you that in baptism you give us your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth.

### **Congregation**

**Gracious God, let this water of Baptism be the symbol of the outpouring of your Spirit on Kolton and on us. Strengthen us to serve you with joy until that day when you make all things new. Amen.**

## *The Baptism*

### **Pastor**

Kolton Michael Lawn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. As a child of the covenant you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's forever. Amen.

## *Welcome*

### **George Norman, President of the Chapel Board of Directors**

Through baptism God has affirmed Kolton to be a member of this community of faith. I charge you, the people of the Chapel in the Pines, to love and support this family and to assist Matt and Kathleen in the nurturing of Kolton.

### **Congregation**

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Kolton into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support the Lawn family and to share the good news of the gospel with Kolton.**

**\*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 Call to Worship**

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!  
**Of that day or hour, no one knows...only God.**

Be alert! Keep awake! Get ready!  
The time is drawing near!

**It's the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

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**

**A Prayer on the First Sunday of Advent**

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope**

From ancient times, no ear has heard no eye has seen,  
no one has witnessed any god but you.

**If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

You watch over those who do right, who love justice and follow your way.

**If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

We cannot save ourselves. We need you, Lord God.

So we light the candle of hope. We call on your name, trusting in you.

**If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!**

We light this candle

as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**



(Sung to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

Congregation sings...

**"The days are surely coming,"  
the prophet's words proclaim:  
"A ruler for my people  
to set them free from blame.  
'The Lord is our righteousness'  
yes, this shall be their name."  
Light a candle for God who keeps God's word.  
Hope is stirred!  
Light a candle for God who keeps God's word.**

### **The Prayer of Illumination**

**A Reading from the Old Testament**      Isaiah 64:1-9  
*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...*

### **The Call to Confession**

#### **The Prayer of Confession**

**God-with-us, even in this special season of Advent,  
we confess that you seem far away.  
You are hidden when we need you near.  
In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you.  
Instead we lash out...against you, our neighbor, even those we love.  
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us.  
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,  
our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.  
After all, we belong to you, and in your hands we can be made new.  
In Jesus' name we pray...**

### **The Declaration of Forgiveness**

**A Reading from the Gospels**      Mark 13:24-37  
*Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.*

**Special Music**      My Lord, What a Morning?      African American Spiritual

**Homily**      Meanwhile

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**  
In your mercy...**Lord, save us!**

### **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 Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn** #242 While We Are Waiting, Come (verses 1 and 2)

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.

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Hymn** #242 While We Are Waiting, Come (verse 3)

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

### **\*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, Lerici Racine, Jamie Raskin, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, 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, Agustina Barry, Ron and Sara (Cissy) Ellis, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Mabs Wahlquist, the family of Thomas of Polished Nails, Dee and the family of Dennis Lombard, Dorene and the family of Barbara Sass, Enola and the family of Dr. Tom Lineberger



## 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



**Tuesday, December 5**  
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Bob Donaldson  
Peggy Reuter

## Looking Ahead!

<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
<b>Tuesday-December 12</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday-December 13</b>	3:00 pm
	4:30 pm
<b>Thursday-December 14</b>	3:00 pm
<b>Saturday-December 16</b>	4:00 pm
<b>Sunday-December 17</b>	9:00 am
<b>Sunday-December 17</b>	6:00 pm

## Coffee Fellowship



### December

<b>12-3</b>	Ruth Klein
<b>12-10</b>	Kathy & Stacey Golzio
<b>12-17</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>12-24</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>
<b>12-31</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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

<b>12-3</b>	Bob Dantzer
<b>12-10</b>	Phyllis Young
<b>12-17</b>	Alice McPheeters
<b>12-24</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>12-31</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>



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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*Advent Bible Study*

Chapel Choir Practice

Fran's Friends

*The Chapel Christmas Cantata - Chapel*

The Third Sunday of Advent

*The Chapel Christmas Cantata - Bensalem*

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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.







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