

The Chapel in the Pines

December 17, 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 Joy



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Amie Collins**

And

**By Joan Anton and family in loving memory of her parents
Harold and Marjorie Blake**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Prelude

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

***Hymn** #119 O Thou, Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

***The Call to Worship**

The Promised One of God
brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted.

We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

The Promised One of God
proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

The Promised One of God
comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

**Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing,
holding fast to what is good,
we are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

The hope, love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

A Prayer on the Third Sunday of Advent; Joy

Joy; An Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy Adapted from Psalm 126

Our mouths are full of laughter. Our hearts cry out in joy.
God has done great things for us. God's light has shined on us.

We are witnesses to the light.
The light shines brightly and fills us with gladness.

We light the candle of joy, ready to receive the light and share it with others.
God has done great things for us. God's light has shined on us.

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

Congregation sings...

**O Beth-le-hem of J-u-dah,
your sto-ry now is told:
from you, God's pro-mised ru-ler comes,
his o-ri-gin of old.
And he shall stand and feed his flock
se-cure with-in his fold.
Light a can-dle for God who holds our lives.
Joy ar-rives!
Light a c-an-dle for God who holds our lives.**

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles Acts 1:1-8
**...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."**

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** Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

***Hymn** #76 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

A Reading from the Gospels John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

Special Music

Homily Light

***Hymn** This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

The Eucharist

**The Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving**

The Eucharistic 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 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 Words of Institution
The Communion of the People
*Prayer after Communion**

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #242 While We Are Waiting, Come (verse 1 & 3)

**While we are wait-ing, come.
While we are wait-ing, come.
Je-sus, our Lord, E-man-u-el, while we are wait-ing, come.**

**Come, Sav-ior, quick-ly come.
Come, Sav-ior, quick-ly come.
Je-sus, our Lord, E-man-u-el, while we are wait-ing, come.**

***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, Lerici Racine, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Bob Macdonald, 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, 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, Mary Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Nancy Cecchini, Mary Herold, the family and friends of River Carter, and the family of Mabs Wahlquist.



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, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Kathy Hilton, Dick Van Horne, Sandi Keyser, Bill and JoAn Moses on the death of their son-in-law, Ron.

December Announcements



Sunday, December 17 John Moses
Saturday, December 23 Kathy Golzio



Monday, December 18
Dave & Mimi Giannini
Thursday, December 21
Roberto & Elvia Guadalupe

Altar Flowers

December

12-24 Amie Collins
Joan Anton

12-31 Jim & Chris Beck

January

1-7 Volunteer Needed

1-14 Volunteer Needed

1-21 Volunteer Needed



Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 17	9:00 am
Sunday-December 17	6:00 pm
Wednesday-December 20	3:00 pm
	4:30 pm
Sunday-December 24	9:00 am
Sunday-December 24	4:00 pm
Sunday-December 31	9:00 am
Wednesday-January 3	4:30 pm
Sunday-January 7	9:00 am

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Chapel Christmas Cantata - Bensalem

Advent Bible Study

Chapel Choir Practice

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Carols, Candles, and Communion

Lessons and Carols

Chapel Choir Practice

Epiphany

Coffee Fellowship



December

12-17 Leslie While &
Carol Parsons

12-24 *Merry Christmas*

12-31 Jim & Chris Beck

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