

The Chapel in the Pines

February 4, 2024

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

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Bruce and Vicki Bedder
in celebration of Michael's birthday in heaven.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Invocation and the 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.**

A Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 40:28-31
*Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles...*

***The Call to Worship**

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.
Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.
Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.
Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.
Gather us in, to know of God's love.

***Hymn** Gather Us In/Here in this Place

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in,
the blank and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away;
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

The Prayer of Confession

**How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering!
Yet, we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference,
using its resources carelessly and with little regard for the future.
We insist on war as a solution for problems rather than striving for peace.
We turn our backs on people in need,
the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst.
We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God!
You have given to us all that we need.
You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ
who came so that we might learn how you would have us live. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits.
Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities.
Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you.
Help us be agents of peace and hope to others.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

***A Litany for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** Adapted from Isaiah 40

Have we not known? Have we not heard?
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary.
They shall walk and not faint.

***Hymn** #34 The God of Abraham Praise

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| <p>1 The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM, By earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name, Forever blest.</p> | <p>3 He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend, I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heaven ascend; I shall behold His face, I shall His power adore, And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.</p> |
| <p>2 The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand. I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and power; And Him my only portion make, My shield and tower.</p> | <p>4 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays; All might and majesty are Thine, And endless praise.</p> |

Amen.

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
I have become all things to all people...

The Choir's Anthem

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 1:29-39
In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

The Homily Everything to Everyone?

Prayers of the People

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** #427 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

- 1** Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

- 2** In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian Sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

- 3** Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

- 4** Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Amen.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #429 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Leric 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, Drew Carr and family, Ann Rorie, Sharon Hacker, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Nancy Cecchini, Mary Herold, Mary White, Mary Faas, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Paul Infuso, Nell Otsby, Bill Baker on the death of his brother-in-law and his father.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Charles Hinson, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Tamara Lee, Kristen Thompson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Sandy Cifranic, Marilyn McCaskill, Meta Evans, JoAn Moses, Mike Barry and Shirley Percival.

February Announcements

Looking Ahead!

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| Wednesday-February 7 | 4:30 pm | Chapel Choir |
| Friday-February 9 | 10:00 am | Mission Team |
| Saturday-February 10 | 7:45 am | Men's Fellowship |
| Sunday-February 11 | 9:00 am | Transfiguration of the Lord Holy Communion |
| Tuesday-February 13 | 6:00 pm | Bunco 4 Missions |
| Wednesday-February 14 | 5:00 pm | Ash Wednesday |
| Sunday-February 18 | 9:00 am | First Sunday of Lent Chapel Board Meeting |
| Wednesday-February 21 | 4:30 pm | Chapel Choir |



Thursday, February 8 Joan Tourt
Thursday, February 8 Dot Macdonald
Saturday, February 10 Kathy Reszka

Altar Flowers



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2-11 Volunteer Needed
2-18 Volunteer Needed
2-21 Mission Team

Coffee Fellowship



February

2-4 Bruce & Vickie Bedder
2-11 Kathy & Stacy Golzio
2-18 Joyce Singletary &
Katy Swain
2-25 Mission Team

To sign up for Coffee Fellowship:

Call: Church Administrator 910-400-5188

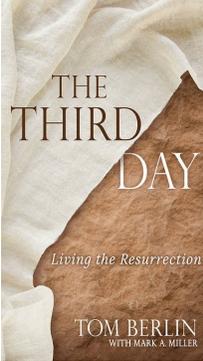
Email: citp10@7lakeschapel OR Sign up on the Podium outside the fellowship hall.

2023 Giving Statements

2023 Giving Statements have been **Emailed** to all those with email addresses in our church reporting program. Please check your inbox for an email. For those without email, or for whom we do not have an email address a printed copy of your Giving Statement has been mailed.

Please let our Chapel Administrator if you did not receive your Giving Statement or if you have questions or concerns (910-500-5188 or citp10@7lakeschapel.com)

The Lenten Bible Study - 2024 The Third Day; Living the Resurrection



Bishop Tom Berlin says, "I now think it odd how much Christians talk about the crucifixion and death of Jesus compared to how little we talk about the resurrection of Jesus....Theologians, biblical scholars, pastors, and evangelists often speak of the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion with such interest and devotion that the resurrection appears to be an afterthought by comparison."

What Tom says has been true for us here at the Chapel in the Pines. For the six weeks of Lent we traditionally focus on sin and forgiveness, the cost of discipleship, and the sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation. We then confine our celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday to a sixty-minute service before quickly moving on. We do this even though it was not until Jesus overcame death that the lives of the first disciples were transformed - the miraculous event that transforms our lives as well.

But, not this year. This year we will take the six weeks of Lent to encounter those who first experienced the risen Lord and how they were transformed on the "Third Day" and began to live in the light of the resurrection.

This Bible study will meet on six Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 beginning on February 21st and concluding on March 27th. Each lesson will be independent of the others so your participation at all six sessions is not a requirement. We will read Reverend Berlin's book, *The Third Day; Living the Resurrection* and explore how the resurrection transformed the lives of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Thomas, the two travelers on the way to Emmaus, and the Apostle Paul.

Please register for this study by the 18th of February by filling out this form and placing it in the offering plate or the drop box by the fellowship hall doors or calling Susan in the Chapel office (910) 400-5188.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

(A donation of \$20.00 is suggested to help cover the cost of the book and the teaching materials.)



Special Called Meeting

The Board of Directors will hold a Special Called Meeting Sunday, February 18, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service to vote on candidates nominated to the Board of Directors by the Nominating Team.

All members of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines present may vote, or they may designate in writing a proxy to vote in their absence.

Friends of Seven Lakes Chapel of the Pines, those who worship or serve God through the ministries of this church are automatically granted voting privileges if they request in writing before the start of a special called meeting. Requests for voting privileges may be submitted to the Board President, Jon Tichenor (tichenorjon@gmail.com) of the Chapel Administrator (citp10@7lakeschapel.com).

“Let’s Look Together: An Interactive Arts Program for Individuals with Dementia”

**Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 from 11am – 12pm
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 11am-12pm**

**Location: Arts Council Galleries at Campbell House, 482 East Connecticut Ave.,
Southern Pines, NC**

Registration required for this FREE PROGRAM: 910-692-ARTS (2787)

Limited to 6 couples: care partner and their individual

Contact: Rae-Lynn Ziegler with questions: rziegler@nc.rr.com

“Let there be NO fear of failure in this interactive program with other individuals experiencing memory loss. Feel a sense of focusing positively on the skills that are present in an individual with the diagnosis of Dementia. The opportunity with the visual and musical art promotes connections in the brain that engage parts of the brain not impacted by cell loss. Socializing with others is critical to well being, decreasing withdrawal and isolation for both the care partner and the individual with the diagnosis.” (RLZ, OTR)

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