

The Chapel in the Pines

March 31, 2024

Living in the Light of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday



The flowers on the Communion table this week are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Paul James in celebration of Julie James' birthday.

The Chiming of the Trinity

***The Easter Call to Worship**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, the women disciples went to the tomb where he had been laid only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty.

**We gather here as Christ's disciples,
on the first day of the week,
in the glorious light of the resurrection
to celebrate the good news of the gospel.
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!**

***The Resurrection Fanfare**

The Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***A Litany for Easter**

Christ is risen!

**We walked the valleys and saw the people crying in need.
Jesus reached out to them.
He did not criticize or diminish their needs.
He touched their lives and they were never the same.
The love that flowed through him was God's healing love.**

Christ is risen!

**We sat at table in the Upper Room as Jesus told of his death
and we wanted to discount his words.
How could he die? We did not want to believe it.
It was easier to proclaim with bravado our beliefs
than to listen to his words.**

Christ is risen!

**We waited in the Garden of Gethsemane while he prayed
and watched in horror as he was betrayed with a kiss.
We followed at a distance and along with Peter
we denied ever knowing who he was.
We were in the crowd that clamored for Barabbas' release
and turned our backs as Pilate washed his hands of the crime.**

Christ is risen!

**We followed him to the hill
and cringed as they nailed him to the cross.
We heard his words of forgiveness and love
and felt the ground tremble as the sky darkened
and he gave up his life, into his father's hands.**

Christ is risen!

**We ran from the empty tomb today,
with the knowledge that he is risen!
He has not been captured by death,
but is risen from the dead, just as he said he would be.
We come with joy in our hearts to this day.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

***Hymn**

#225 Worship Christ the Risen King

***The Reappointing of the Church**

1 Rise, O Church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the Risen King!

2 See the tomb where death has laid Him,
Empty now, its mouth declares;
"Death and I could not contain Him,
For the Throne of Life He shares."
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the Risen King!

3 Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble
But cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the Risen King!

4 Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen,
Now receive the Risen King!

5 We acclaim Your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, Stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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 Time with the Children The Search for the Alleluias!

The Easter Morning Prayer 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.**

The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise Adapted from Psalm 118

O give thanks to God, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
**God is my strength and my might;
the Lord has become my salvation.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord. The righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

*...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures
and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day...*

The Choir's Anthem

Rejoice! Crown Him King

A Reading from the Gospels

Mark 16:1-8

*"...But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him, just as he told you."*

Homily

The Missing Page

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

Easter Medley

***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.
Amen**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***The Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from Acts 10

**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.
He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil.
We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
has judge of the living and the dead.
All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
Jesus Christ is Lord of all!**

The Eucharist

**The Invitation
The Confession
The Declaration of Forgiveness
The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is with you!
And also with you!

Lift up your voices to speak of God's great love!
We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Living God.
Time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when
our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true.
You created this world and called it good.
You created us to proclaim your good news to all.
And so we raise our voices in praise:

Hymn #227 Thine Is the Glory (verse #1)

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

We remember the life and ministry of Jesus; how he healed the sick,
fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace.
It was at this table that he issued the invitation;
to gather together, to share together, to remember together,
and to go and do likewise in the world.

Hymn #227 Thine Is the Glory (verse #2)

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen, from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth' Death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, Risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

The Words of Institution

Hymn #227 Thine Is the Glory (verse #3)

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through Thy deathless love'
Bring us safe through Jordan With Thy power and love.

Thine is the glory, Risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

The Prayer to the Holy Spirit The Communion of the People

***The Prayer after Communion**

***Hymn**

#226 The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The world resound in triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

***The Charge and Benediction**

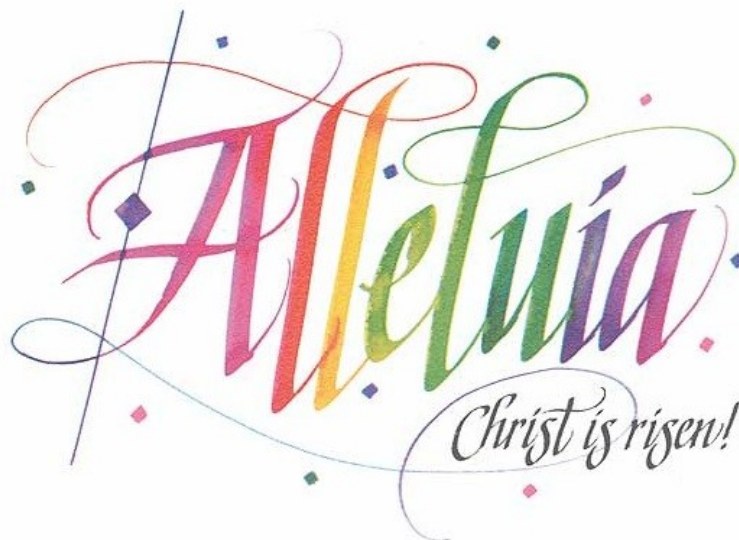
***The Resurrection Fanfare**

The Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia

***The Postlude**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Lerici Racine, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Ann Rorie, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Mary Herold, Nancy Cecchini, Mary White, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Mary Faas, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Debbie Franklin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Leah Tourt Cicero, Paul In-fuso, Bill and Bev Myers, Kate Halus, Patricia Lewin, Linda Stowe, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, Joe and Laura Klimasz, and Tom and Megan Klein.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Meta Evans, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival, Bob Dantzer, Charles Hinson, Sue Barry, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, and the family of Vickie Bedder on the loss of Vickie's cousin, Deb.

April Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Thursday-April 4	3:00 pm	Fran's Friends
Sunday-April 7	9:00 am	2nd Sunday after Easter
Tuesday-April 9	6:00 pm	Bunco 4 Missions
Friday-April 12	10:00 am	Mission Team
Saturday-April 13	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Sunday-April 14	9:00 am	3rd Sunday after Easter
Wednesday-April 17	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-April 21	9:00 am	4th Sunday after Easter
Wednesday-April 24	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-April 28	9:00 am	5th Sunday after Easter

Birthdays



Monday, April 1 Julie James
Monday, April 1 Ed Burke

Altar Flowers

April
4-7 Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-14 Bill & JoAn Moses
4-21 Alicia DeLong
4-28 **Volunteer Needed**



Anniversaries

Monday, April 1 Bill & JoAn Moses
Sunday, April 5 Dot & Bruce Macdonald



Coffee Fellowship



March

4-31

No Coffee Fellowship

April

4-7

Volunteer Needed

4-14

Volunteer Needed

4-21

Volunteer Needed

4-28

**10th Anniversary
Covered Dish**

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.

Special Offering



A special offering for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" will be collected during the Good Friday service on March 29, 2024. This offering will go specifically to the local chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP), a non-profit ministry dedicated to providing beds for children in and around the Moore County area who otherwise would not have a bed in which to sleep. Their motto is "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town."



During the month of February our Mission Team collected twin-size linens for SHP and our Men's Fellowship is volunteering in building bunk beds for SHP.



How Sleep Can Affect Children

Many studies have been conducted on the effects that lack of sleep can have on children. The following facts were taken from studies done at Harvard University, the National Science Foundation, Auburn University, and The Better Sleep Council:

- Poor sleep can lead to hyperactivity issues as early as age five
- In teenagers, anxiety and depression are linked to poor sleeping habits 27% and 69% of the time
- Kids who don't sleep well don't grow as well as their peers
- Kids who get good sleep tend to get sick less frequently
- Plenty of sleep usually translates to better grades, improved emotional health, and a healthier home life
- Sleep is a sort of "recharge" time for body and mind, and if it's not adequate there are negative physical and mental effects
- During sleep, cells can repair themselves, leading to better physical health
- The brain and body release important hormones during a good night's sleep, leading to better physical and emotional health
- Kids who don't get enough sleep tend to struggle with irritability, forgetfulness and emotional regulation
- Kids who are sleep deprived tend to struggle with being overweight or obese



Source: <https://shpbs.org/blog/national-bed-crisis/>

Please consider donating today to support SHP and their efforts to make sure that "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor" in Moore County. Make checks payable to Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines and note that the donation is for "Good Friday Special Offering". **Donations may be made prior to Good Friday.**