

The Chapel in the Pines

April 21, 2024

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

The Good Shepherd Sunday



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Alicia DeLong
in memory of Vernelle Otter.**

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship**

The God of all shepherds has called us here.
We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

Selah

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.
We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

Selah

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.
We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

Selah

***A Reading from the Psalms** Psalm 23

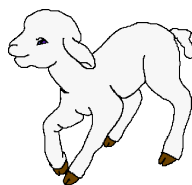
**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

***Hymn** #462 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.</p> | <p>3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.</p> |
| <p>2 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.</p> | <p>4 Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.</p> |



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 Prayer

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.**

The Choir's Anthem

O, Jesus I Have Promised

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**God of many pastures,
we never tire of hearing the voice of our Shepherd;
we never tire of hearing the call to lay our burdens down;
we never tire of hearing
the invitation to dwell in your house forever.
Forgive us, loving Shepherd, when we try to keep you as our own—
thinking that we alone have your love,
thinking that others wander alone without your care and guidance.
Open our eyes, that we may recognize the sheep of your fold
wherever they may be and whatever they may look like...**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

***Hymn**

#468 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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| 1 The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever. | 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing bro't me. |
| 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth. | 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me. |
| 5 And so thru all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever. | |

Amen.

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles 1 John 3:16-24
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us...

Special Music Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Ravon Sheppard

A Reading from the Gospels John 10:11-18
I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.



The Homily Cuddles Might Not Be Enough

Prayers of the People

The Invitation to the Offering

The good shepherd calls us to love one another.
We come, abiding in love.

The shepherd of love calls us to give of ourselves.
We come, abiding in faith.

The shepherd of life calls us to be a blessing to others.
We come, abiding in God's blessings.

The Offertory His Eye Is On The Sparrow Ravon Sheppard

***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 #461 He Leadeth Me (Verses 1 & 2)

1 He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me! **[Refrain]**

*The Charge and Benediction

*Hymn #461 He Leadeth Me (Verse 3)

3 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me! **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

*The Postlude

I'M WORRIED—
IT SAYS I'M SUPPOSED
TO KNOW JESUS.
BUT HOW CAN YOU
TELL IF YOU KNOW
ENOUGH?



TED, IT ALL STARTS
WITH JESUS KNOWING
YOU. AND JESUS
KNOWS YOU
COMPLETELY!



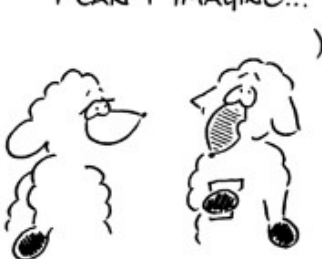
ALLRIGHTY THEN!
THAT'S EVEN
MORE
FRIGHTENING!



YOU KNOW THE
BEST PART
ABOUT HAVING A
GOOD SHEPHERD?



I CAN'T IMAGINE...



BEING A SHEEP!





Prayers for Chapel Friends:

Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, 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, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, 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, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Paul Infuso, Bill and Bev Myers, Kate Halus, Patricia Lewin, Linda Stowe, Lucy Dunn Martin, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, Tom & Trish Elliott, David Tourt, Sandra Tourt Uhlig, Tom and Megan Klein, Bob Dejarlaus and Holli Schweyer.

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, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival, Charles Hinson, Sue Barry, Bill and JoAn Moses, John Shaughnessy, the family of Vickie Bedder and the family of Meta Evans, Pat and the family of Bob Dantzer.

April - May Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday—April 21	9:00 am	4th Sunday in Easter Chapel Board Meeting
Wednesday—April 24	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday—April 28	9:00 am	5th Sunday after Easter 10th Anniversary Covered Dish
Wednesday-May 1	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends Seven Lakes Country Club
Wednesday-May 1	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-May 5	9:00 am	6th Sunday in Easter
Wednesday-May 8	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Saturday-May 9	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Sunday-May 10	9:00 am	7th Sunday in Easter Mother's Day

Birthdays



Sunday, April 21	Mary Greene
Monday, April 22	Wendy Tetreault
Tuesday, April 23	Nancy Racine
Tuesday, April 23	Claire Collins
Friday, April 26	Mary Willetts

Altar Flowers



April	
4-21	Alicia DeLong
4-28	Dot & Bruce Macdonald
May	
5-5	John Caggiano
5-12	Rick Moss

Anniversaries

Friday, April 26 Jason & Amie Collins



March

Coffee Fellowship

April	
4-21	Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
4-28	10th Anniversary Covered Dish



May	
5-5	Sandy & Dennis Cifranic
5-12	Kathy & Stacy Golzio
5-19	Leslie While
5-25	Neta Massey

Usher/Greeters



Our thanks to Kathy Reszka for her years of service to God by coordinating and training a most important group of volunteers...the Usher/Greeters. As Kathy retires from this position and our Board seeks new leadership, it creates an opportunity for more of us to consider becoming a part of this essential ministry.

Our Usher/Greeters create the first welcoming impression of our Chapel to the many visitors who walk through our doors, they offer hugs and handshakes to all our regular returning members, and they are essential to the smooth running of our worship services. From guiding folks with young children to the nursery, to offering

bulletins, to the passing of the Welcome Pads and the collection of all our tithes and offerings. Worship would simply not be the same without them.

Won't you Volunteer to Serve as an Usher/Greeter?

Nursery Volunteers

A vital ministry in any church is the Nursery allowing parents of young children and visiting families the opportunity to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering in the Nursery on Sunday mornings or for special services.



Won't you Volunteer to Serve in our Nursery?

Church Library



Volunteers are also needed to help organize our Church Library located downstairs. Please consider volunteering to help organize our Church Library.

Won't you Volunteer in Our Church Library?

Should any of these opportunities sound of interest, please drop a note in our collection plate or give Susan a call in the Chapel office this week (910) 400-5188.

Online & Text Giving?

To give **Online**—Simply type the following in your browser:

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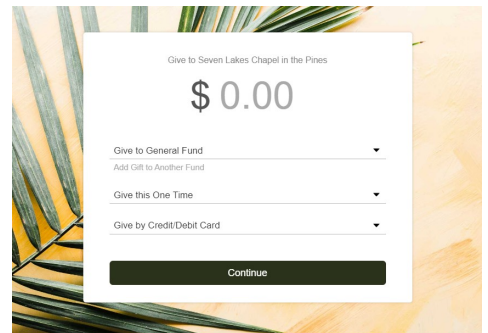
Select from the options using either and using a Credit/Debit Card or ACH Bank Transfer decide on one time, weekly, monthly, or yearly giving options.

Giving by **Cell Phone**—Simply **TEXT** the Word **GIVING** to

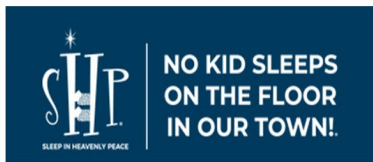
910-788-3988

Enter your information and select from the options using either a Credit/Debit Card or ACH Bank Transfer and decide on one time, weekly, monthly, or yearly giving options.

Afterwards simply text **Give** to **910-788-3988**. You will be asked how much you would like to give. Type in the amount of your donation. You will then get a message that **a receipt for your donation has been emailed to your account, if this was a mistake simply type "refund."**



Call our Chapel Administrator for more information or assistance (910) 400-5188.



The Men's Fellowship is happy to announce that \$1,535.76 was raised for our local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter with our Good Friday offering. The Men's Fellowship is still planning to assist with a build on Saturday, May 18th. Please notify Bruce Keyser if you are interested in participating or would like more information.