

The Chapel in the Pines

February 23, 2025

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

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



**The flowers on the Communion table this week
are given to the Glory of God by Jim Reid & Kathy Hilton.**

Gathering Music

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.**

***The Call to Worship**

Adapted from Luke 6:27-38

Come and learn the ways of life.
We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.
We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.
We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
We have come to follow Jesus.

Come today and learn the ways of life.
We have come to follow Jesus.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise**

Adapted from Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord and do good.
**Take delight in the Lord
and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret, it leads only to evil.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord.
God is their refuge in times of trouble.
The Lord helps them and rescues them.
**The Lord rescues them from the wicked and saves them
because they take refuge in God.**



***Hymn** #347 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

***The Passing of the Peace**

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 Prayer of Illumination
The Ordination of Chapel Directors**

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 6:27-38
*But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.
Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High...*

The Choir's Anthem Hymn of Praise

The Homily Cheek Turning and Enemy Loving

The 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. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #61 Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty (verses 1-2)

1 Lavish love, abundant beauty,
Gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses
All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father,
Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless pow'r gave full expression
To Your love which knows no end.

2 Who am I that You should love me,
Meet my ev'ry need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully
In a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me,
Fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit,
Planted Your own image there.

*The Charge and Benediction

Let us be known as children of the Most High.

We will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.

Let us be known as disciples of Christ.

We will bless those who curse us and pray for those who wrong us.

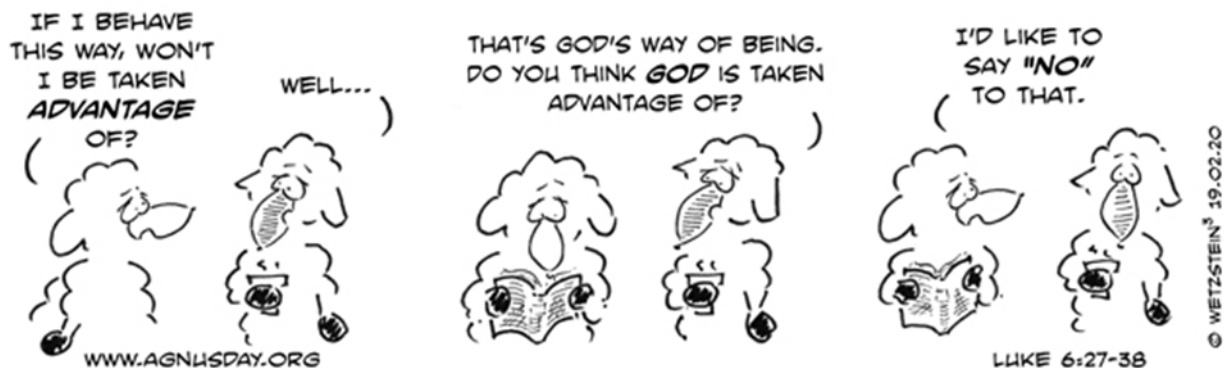
Let us be known as heirs of the Spirit.

We will be merciful, even as our God is merciful.

*Hymn #61 Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty (verse 3)

3 I am Yours, Eternal Father,
All my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory,
From Yourself in ev'ry part.
Lord Your love brings joy and gladness
Flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being
Rise to You, their source and goal.

*The Postlude



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Gary McCaskill, Maggie Craft, Rev. Harry Bronkar, Charlie and Margo Talkowski, Norma McKeithan, Ann Grunke, Jose Shavek, Amy Klein, Adrian Cimek, Bobby Gillett, Sally Conlon, Andy Mark, Sidney Ruffin, the Howard Family, and Dr. Bill Hinson.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, Bart Reuter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Paul Infuso, Dr. Bill Hinson and Jimmy McCaskill on the loss of his cousin.

February -March Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-February 23	9:00 am	The Seven Sunday after Epiphany
Wednesday-February 26	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-March 2	9:00 am	Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday-March 5	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends
	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
	5:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday-March 6	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Sunday-March 9	9:00 am	First Sunday in Lent
Wednesday-March 12	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday-March 13	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Friday-March 14	10:00 am	Mission Team
Sunday-March 16	9:00 am	Second Sunday in Lent
Wednesday-March 19	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday-March 20	3:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study

Coffee Fellowship

February

2 - 23 Jane Geanes

March

3 - 02 Alice McPheeters & Helen School
3 - 09 Marily & Jimmy McCaskill
3 - 16 **Volunteer Needed**
3 - 23 **Volunteer Needed**
3 - 30 **Volunteer Needed**



Altar Flowers

February

2-23 Kathy Hilton

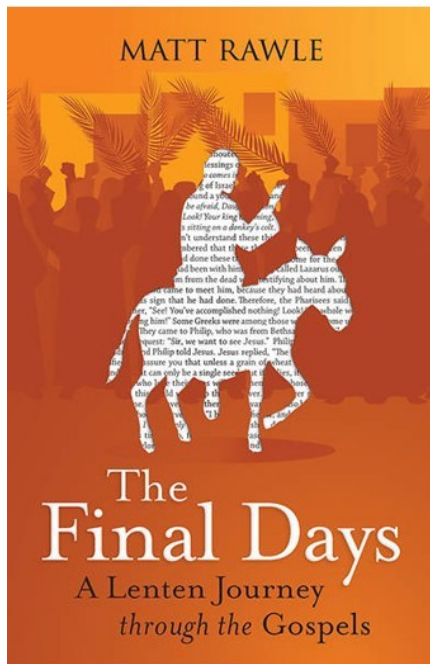
March

3-02 **Volunteer Needed**
3-09 **Volunteer Needed**
3-16 Stuart Moss
3-23 **Volunteer Needed**
3-30 Paul James



February

Thursday—27 Dot Riggins
Thursday—27 Mike Barry
Friday—28 Samuel Stoltz
Friday—28 John Geanes



The Final Days; A Lenten Journey through the Gospels

*The four New Testament gospels aren't the same story,
but they offer the same resurrection hope!*

The authors of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John devote a great portion of their gospels to telling the story of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. All of them highlight Jesus' passion, but the stories they tell aren't quite the same. Each gospel offers a different lens through which we might understand the events of Jesus' final days. These different perspectives aren't a reason to question or dismiss the gospels, rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's purposes in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.

You are invited to this small group Bible study so that together we might engage with the tension and beauty found within the diverse perspectives of the gospels as we recall Jesus' final days.

Session #1 - Meet You at the Flagpole

Session #2 - Looking for a Messiah

Session #3 - The Passion According the Mark - "Yes, I am"

Session #4 - The Passion According to Matthew - "You have said so..."

Session #5 - The Passion According to Luke - A New Covenant to Remember

Session #6 - The Passion According to John - A Word that Weeps

This study will meet on consecutive Thursday afternoons at 3:30 for 75 minutes beginning on March 6th. The lessons are based on a book by Matt Rawle who is an author, an international speaker, and the Lead Pastor of Asbury UMC in Bossier City, Louisiana. The class is limited to 18 persons (if I receive more than 18 registrations I will open a second class). A \$10.00 donation is suggested...but not required...to cover the cost of the teaching materials.

Because Matt has done such a thorough job with the production of the videos that accompany each session there will be no need for you to purchase his book.

Everyone is invited so please invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Please register by March 2nd by filling out this form and dropping it in the offering plate or by giving Susan a call in the Chapel office. (910) 400-5188

Name: _____

Email address: _____

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The Final Days

Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes/Lenten Devotions Begin	March 5 5:00
The Final Days Bible Study Meet You at the Flagpole	March 6 3:30
The First Sunday in Lent	March 9 9:00
The Final Days Bible Study Looking for a Messiah	March 13 3:30
The Second Sunday in Lent	March 16 9:00
The Final Days Bible Study The Passion According to Mark	March 20 3:30
The Third Sunday in Lent The Sacrament of Holy Communion	March 23 9:00
The Final Days Bible Study The Passion According to Matthew	March 27 3:30
The Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 30 9:00
The Final Days Bible Study The Passion According to Luke	April 3 3:30
The Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 6 9:00
The Final Days Bible Study The Passion According to John	April 10 3:30
Palm Sunday	April 13 9:00
Maundy Thursday The Sacrament of Holy Communion Covered Dish Soup, Bread, and Dessert Supper	April 17 5:00
Good Friday The Stripping of the Church	April 18 12:00 Noon