



Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church
Chatham County, North Carolina

**Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost
November 19, 2017**

Welcome to Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, where all our members are ministers. We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service. We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, ability, or any other human condition.

THE GATHERING

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious God, present in all times and places, open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our ears to hear your commandments. Open our hearts to care more deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be. Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to sing together for joy, sharing the good news of salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BELL PEAL RINGING OF THE TRINITY

Handbell Choir

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Hal H. Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the fellowship pad & pass it on.)

If you have any prayer concerns or celebrations please write them on one of the index cards that can be found in the chair pockets, and place the card in the offering plate to be read aloud by the pastor.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God wonderful works.
Seek the Lord; seek his presence continually.
Let us remember the wonderful works God has done.

***HYMN #643**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. We hold tightly to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession and respond to us with mercy that we might turn to you again, walk in the light of your love, and live in equity and peace, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (six-fold) for Chapel in the Pines

Rob Passow

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

7 le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

14 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

21 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you," or simply, "Peace." The response is, "and also with you.")

*Response of Praise

Hallelujah

(Hymn #590)

The musical score consists of two systems of three staves each. The first system includes a soprano line, an alto line, and a bass line. The second system includes a tenor line, a soprano line, and a bass line. The lyrics are: Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Peggy Wilkerson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Bolig

OLD TESTAMENT READING Judges 4:1-7 p. 210
The Word of the Lord. LP, p. 273
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:14-30 p.27
The Word of the Lord. LP, p. 34-35
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Gracious Gift of the Most High God” Will Sibert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace – God’s free gift of love

that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don’t you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

By worshipping God, by loving others,

and by respecting what God has created.

*HYMN #647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

OFFERING

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Kevin McChesney

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(Hymn #609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (ending with 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Standing on the Promises* (Stanza 1, Refrain) (Hymn #838)

POSTLUDE *Nun danket alle Gott* Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Worship Notes

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Michael and Debbie Sears to the glory of God and in loving memory of George H. Sears.

Today we welcome the Rev. Will Sibert to the pulpit. Will and Kim have been active at CITP since 2011 when they returned to the area after Will's service as the Executive Director of the Moravian Church's Board of World Mission. Will graduated from Union College in Schenectady, NY in 1975, and from the Moravian Theological Seminary in 1986. He served the Moravian Church in Honduras as a missionary, during which time he met and married Kim. After they moved to Chapel Hill to pursue graduate degrees, Will began working for a multi-lingual online seminary, taking him all over the world. Currently, Will is pursuing his interests in Global Trauma Recovery, while Kim works for the Durham County Health Department. They are the parents of two, Maria, age 27, and Anna, age 19.

Guests, we are glad you found us and we hope you feel welcomed in this time of worship. Please sign the black friendship pad so that we might get to know you. If you have pastoral concerns to share, please let the pastor or one of our members know. Our church is a member of Salem Presbytery, the Synod of Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We welcome children & youth and all the energy, enthusiasm, wisdom, and vocalization they bring to worship. To support them in their development as worshipers, we offer a few special times and spaces during the service. A Sacred Art Table is set up in the narthex where children can help to create a piece of art that will later be displayed. An adult member of the congregation will be sitting at the table to assist children. The Time With Children is a special part of our worship when children and youth are invited to gather in the front chairs on the piano side of the pulpit. After Time With Children, young people are invited to rejoin their parent(s) or to work at the Sacred Art Table. A nursery is provided for children under

the age of 4. If you have questions, please contact Paul Isom, Ruling Elder for Christian Education, at pcisom@gmail.com or Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Christian Education at joelleby@yahoo.com.

Children's activity bags are available in the narthex. We ask you to leave them on the seats after worship or return them to the narthex.

Large print worship bulletins, Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers. You are invited and encouraged to use these during worship. Handicapped parking is available in front of the church with level access into the sanctuary.

Church information brochures, offering envelopes, worship schedules, note cards for prayer concerns and celebrations can be found inside the red welcome folder in each chair pocket. Please use what you need and return the folder to the chair pocket.



The sanctuary and fellowship hall are equipped with hearing loops, making it possible for anyone with a t-coil-enabled hearing aid to hear worship services and events in the fellowship hall clearly. Hearing Assistance headphones are also available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary or fellowship hall, please turn off the receiver and place in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Sermons are available as an audio file from the website (www.citppc.org). Contact the church office at 919-960-0616 to obtain a printed copy of sermons.

A deacon or elder will be in the narthex from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This person will be wearing a red carnation and is available to greet and assist members and visitors who may have questions, comments or special needs. Today we thank Elder Terry Rudolph for his help in the narthex.

Our Lives Together

GODLY PLAY DEMONSTRATION - Are you wondering what this Godly Play program is that you've been hearing so much about? Come and experience it for yourself! Today following worship, Joelle, our Director of Christian Education will be holding a Godly Play demonstration for adults. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack from the fellowship hall, then come down to the Godly Play classroom in the education wing to immerse yourself in this sacred experience. Questions? Contact Joelle at joelleby@yahoo.com or (919) 250-2868.

TAKE AND EAT THANKSGIVING BASKETS- Chapel in the Pines will collect cans of corn and \$\$\$ to purchase onions and potatoes for the baskets this year. A box for corn will be in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Chapel in the Pines with Take and Eat in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support again this year. Questions: contact Phyllis Greene at phgreene@icloud.com.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - As has become a tradition, the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health and XDS, partners in forming the Farm at Penny Lane, will hold their Thanksgiving Day Luncheon for staff, faculty, and clients at Chapel in the Pines. There are some specific ways we can help support this event, not all of which require your presence. Perhaps you can donate a bag of apples, a pie, or a gallon of cider. Or perhaps you are available the day before to help set up and decorate the sanctuary. Here is a link to an electronic sign-up sheet of opportunities: <http://signup.com/go/rCjUjwD>. Your help is welcomed and appreciated! For more information, you may contact church members, Karen Fisher or Michelle Morehouse. Thank you especially in this season of Thanksgiving.

CHAPEL IN THE PINES' ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET - Need ideas for loved ones on your Christmas list? Please consider making a gift/donation in their honor at the Chapel in the Pines' Alternative Gift Market! **The Market will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, December 3rd and 10th**, following worship. Sponsored by the Mission and Service Committee, the Alternative Gift Market supports both local organizations (Fuel Up, Youth Development Center, Take and Eat Food Pantry, Take and Read Books, The Farm at Penny Lane, Chatham Habitat for Humanity and the Chatham County Literacy Council) and global organizations (Francisco Coll School, Casa Materna, and the Pachaj Health Post in Guatemala).

In addition to monetary gifts, scallop shell ornaments and crocheted necklaces will be available. Each ornament is made of white earthenware clay pressed into a mold made from a shell found on a North Carolina beach. These ornaments were made by Karen Fisher for the benefit of The Farm at Penny Lane in North Chatham County. The crocheted necklaces are made by a group of women from First Presbyterian Church of Aiken, SC. Sales of these necklaces will fund the Formula for Life Project which provides formula for infants born of HIV+ mothers in the Mwandu Mission Hospital in Mwandu, Zambia. Wanda Cottongim coordinates the sales of these lovely necklaces. Thank you for supporting these organizations and projects through the CitP Alternative Gift Market!

CONVERSATIONS – on Sunday, December 3 please join us after worship for our next conversation. Several people will begin by sharing their own sense of calling in their work lives as we explore how one's faith guides one's work. Author Frederick Buechner defined vocation this way: "the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

HIGH CHAIR NEEDED - If you have a gently used, in good condition high chair you would like to donate to the church, please contact Nana Morelli, Office Manager at 919-960-0616 or by email at nmorelli@citppc.org. Thank you!

POINSETTIA ORDERS - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary (\$15 each) in honor or in memory of a loved one, a sign-up sheet and envelope to collect payment will be available in the narthex through Sunday, December 10. A portion of the monies collected will go to benefit the Take and Eat Food Pantry. For questions or more information email Nana Morelli nmorelli@citppc.org or call the church office at 919-960-0616.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – Please visit www.citppc.org for rehearsal times.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- **The Exploring Together Class** –The class begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday and now meets in the meeting room of the fellowship hall. On December 3 the class begins a new study using the book, *Advent 2017 – The Lord Is Our Light* by A. Elaine Brown Crawford. We welcome new members at any time. For further information, contact Brenda Moore at bmoore123@nc.rr.com or visit the church website at www.citppc.org.
- **The Literature and Spirituality Group** meets every 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month to discuss spirituality with the help of good books and good fellowship visit the church website at www.citppc.org.

Opportunities for Service

CHATHAM HABITAT – Chapel in the Pines' next work is December 16. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Bart Holtz at log.home@mindspring.com.

TAKE AND READ BOOKS The Take and Read Book Program needs you! Make a difference in children's lives! Having books in their homes improves academic success for children. The Take and Read Program provides new or gently used books to children in need. There are many ways you may help: Deliver books to area agencies once a month, donate new or very gently-used books - leave in church lobby marked "Take & Read Program" or donate money - mark donation "Take and Read Program". To volunteer or for more information contact Paul Harrell at 919-542-2743 or email paulharrell@embarqmail.com.

Leading our worship today:

Will Sibert, Guest Preacher
Minnie Sue Douglas, Liturgist
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