



Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church
Chatham County, North Carolina

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 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.

TIME OF PREPARING

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love

arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING PRAYER

Jesus, Remember Me

(Hymn #227)

(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after each petition ...)

Refrain: Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Guide us through these days, O Wondrous Love; help us to seek your way, trusting as you lead us with love, you will call our Savior to mind ... (Refrain)

Guide us through these days, O Love that wilt not let us go; help us to find wisdom from your word as a light unto our path ... (Refrain)

Guide us through these days, O Amazing Grace; strengthen our faith, quiet our anxieties, and draw us closer in your fellowship of love ... (Refrain)

*HYMN #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

LITANY OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:1–10

SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH: font, table, pulpit, and ashes

LITANY OF CONFESSION

For all the times we fail to do what we know is right,

We are sorry, God.

For all the times we do what we know is wrong,

We are sorry, God.

For all the times we fail to love one another,

We are sorry, God.

For all the times we fail to love you, O God,

We are sorry, God.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In life and in death, we belong to God. We belong always and forever. We belong because Jesus loves us, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(The congregation is invited to come forward down the center aisle and receive the ashes, returning by the side aisles.)*

*HYMN #433

Sign Us with Ashes

PHOENIX

TIME OF REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 4:1–11

CHORAL ANTHEM

Create in me a Clean Heart

Ronald A. Nelson

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:25–26

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE: Holy Questions

TIME OF SILENCE TO WRITE UPON PAPER CROSSES

All are encouraged to take their paper crosses home and reflect upon them throughout Lent.

TIME OF SENDING

*HYMN #69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE May 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, "May the peace of Christ be with you," or simply, "Peace." The response is, "and also with you.")

The following prayer can be used at home as you wash off the ashes before bed:

"The ashes and words remind us that we are not so wonderful. In fact, we are all sinners. Fortunately the sign is not an X, marking us as hopeless rejects, but a cross reminding us that God loves and forgives us, sinners though we be. God wash away my sin and help me live like your child." --Carolyn Brown

All are invited to supper in the fellowship hall.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Worship Leaders:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Pastor
Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children's Ministry
Jeremy Nabors, Director of Music Ministry
Rob Passow, Pianist

Mission Co-Worker:

Karla Koll, Costa Rica

Worship Notes

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.).

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.



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

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