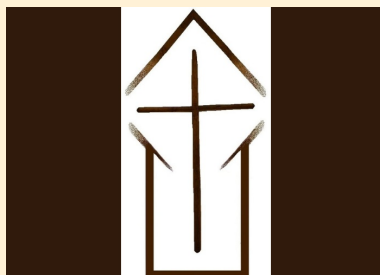


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Easter tide



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YOUR PASTOR'S MUSING



Dulcis, that is, sweetness

When my kids were younger, they would ask for “a sweet,” meaning a cookie or piece of candy. Their vocabulary has changed, as has their ability to fetch their own desserts from the pantry, yet the memory sparked my curiosity about the etymology or history of the word.

Old English's *swete* referred to a pleasant disposition in a person. Latin's *suavis* also backs this nuance, meaning a sense of kindness or graciousness rather than a taste. Only in the fourteenth century did the adjective sweet refer to food or drink.

I did a little more research. It turns out that *dulcis*, often translated as “sweetness,” has a history of describing a religious experience—the sudden feeling of deep and sacred connection to the grandeur and beauty of the world. Dulcis could mean a mystical sense of harmony and resonance with a divine presence.

This led me to reflect on the solar eclipse last Monday. I realize it was only partial in Chapel Hill, perhaps 75% of totality. Annie Dillard likened the experience of a partial to a total eclipse to riding in an airplane versus falling out of one.

Still, watching the sun wane into a crescent, I felt rooted and grounded in the moment by an awe as far beyond my knowing as the stars above. Helen Macdonald wrote there were no words to describe the experience of an eclipse; it made her feel both “tiny and huge all at once, as lonely and singular as I’ve ever felt, and as merged and part of a crowd as it is possible to be.” In the presence of my fellow parents in the school parking lot, before our kids emptied out of the school

and we all rushed on with our day, I felt a bond of fellowship that was indeed sweet.

A medieval mystic, Bernard of Clairvaux, wrote a hymn of praise, "Dulcis Iesu," that described God's love as a refreshing power of the soul or spirit. In our time, "Sweet Jesus" is an imprecation, often uttered out of frustration. But I have a taste for the older, religious nuance, and I described the feeling of last Monday's "sweetness" to my kindergartener, who looked thoughtful before replying, "After the eclipse, we did eat cookies."

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's article Little Big Moments: Feel Better in the Afternoons (chapelboro.com) [CLICK HERE!](#)

We **WORSHIP** God with gratitude for the grace given to all people through Jesus Christ.

We **WELCOME** all people into our community of of faith.

We **WITNESS** the love of Christ through our gifts of time, talents, and resources as we grow together in our faith.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Apr 11 - 18, 2024)

Thursday, April 11

*Teresa is out of the office today, please call before coming by to make sure

Session Notes

To read the Session Digest from the March 22, 2024 Called Session Meeting, [CLICK HERE.](#)

To read the Minutes from the February 11, 2024 Congregational Meeting, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Water, Water Everywhere", [CLICK HERE.](#)

someone is in to let you inside.

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30pm Finance & Administration Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers

Friday, April 12
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 13
Church Office Closed

- 2pm The School of Athens Class, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 14
Third Sunday of Easter
Pennies for Hunger Sunday
Baptism
Combined Service

- 9am Zoom Exploring Together Class
- 9:45am Information about Andrew's Sabbatical, Live-Streamed
- 10:15am Information about Andrew's Sabbatical
- 11am COMBINED Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
- 12noon Online Fellowship, Zoom (Andrew will share information about his Sabbatical)
- 12:15pm POTLUCK, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm Younger Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Teen Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 15
Office Hours 9am-noon

- 1pm Ferrington Hour at the Belted Goat
- 5pm Presbyterian String Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6pm Worship Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16
Office Hours 9am-noon

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 17
Office Hours 9am-noon

- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

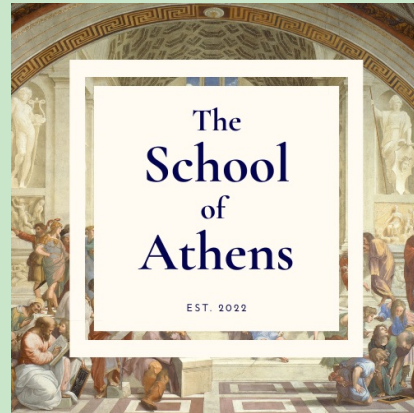
Thursday, April 18
Office Hours 9am-noon

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall

Regular Church Office Hours
Teresa's Hours: Mon-Thu 9-12
Andrew's Hours: by appointment

Our master calendar can be found on our website as well. If you see something on this calendar that should be corrected, please let Teresa know so she can edit the church's master calendar.

Community Events



Remaining Saturdays
April 13, 20, 27
2 to 4 pm
CITP Fellowship Hall

Virgil's *The Aeneid* is a Latin epic poem, a national foundation story of the origin of Rome. It was written 30 to 19 BCE during the reign of Emperor Augustus.

The class will examine themes of *The Aeneid* including: fate, the gods and divine intervention, piety, duty, homelessness, wandering, mission / purpose in life, and self-deferred gratification.

Join us for great conversation as we explore this enduring classic, discover why the story is still engaging, its themes are still relevant today, and which at the same time, cause us to look inward.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL OF ATHENS'S PROGRAM](#)

This Week!!



INFORMATION
SESSIONS ON
ANDREW'S
UPCOMING
SABBATICAL!

THIS
SUNDAY!



INFORMATION SESSION!

NEW! In preparation for Andrew's well-deserved sabbatical leave next month he will be leading a presentation of information about what to expect during his absence this Sunday. There will be three opportunities to attend one of these sessions. The presentation will be held THIS Sunday April 14 at:

- 9:45am (live-streamed and recorded)
- 10:15am
- 12 noon in the online Zoom following the 11am service



Potluck Sunday

AFTER WORSHIP APRIL 14

All dishes and people
are welcome!



Ferrington Village Singers
Present

Sounds of Spring

Two Choral Concerts

Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:30 PM
Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
near Briar Chapel

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Hugh Chapin Auditorium at Galloway Ridge

General Admission Tickets \$17
(\$20 at the Door)

On Sale at the Ferrington Farmer's Market
and Online at

www.ferringtonvillagesingers.org



This special concert is a benefit concert providing scholarships to local high school students wishing to pursue further studies in music. There will be some CITP folks singing in the concert!

CHATHAM INFOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT Through May 2024



Open House
May 4
1-3pm
Fellowship Hall

Chatham InFocus Photography Exhibit

NEW! Please stop by the Fellowship Hall and enjoy the group's newest work. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of May.

A reception will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 1-3pm. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors!

THIS Sunday is our Combined Worship and Potluck Sunday! Please click on the yellow button below to sign up to bring a dish or to help with set up/clean up. There are lots of jobs and dishes needing sign ups!

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP
FOR THE APRIL 14
POTLUCK!**



NEW! This Sunday is Pennies for Hunger Collection. We will take up the collection at our potluck lunch after the 11am service in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider bringing your coins, paper money or even a check to help curb hunger.

Save the Date

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sat. April 20th
10:30-Noon
Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church
Outdoor Pavilion

Please bring your pets on leashes or in carriers for their safety.



Church Women United
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Unit

May Friendship Day and Luncheon
Saturday May 4, 10:00 A.M.-12 Noon
First Baptist Church
106 N. Roberson Street, Chapel Hill
Program offered by Church of the Holy Family

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Suzanne Parker Miller
Executive Director of Pastors for North Carolina Children

*"Loving Our Neighbors:
Why We Need to Support Our Public Schools"*

*Please bring finger foods for our
Friendship Day Luncheon, as you are able.*

Offerings will include Fellowship of the Least Coin

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEETING

May 4, Church Women United will be meeting at First Baptist Church. The speaker will be The Rev'd Suzanne Parker Miller, the founder and executive director of Pastors of NC Children, an organization made up of ministers, educators, parents and others who believe strongly in the importance of public school education. The mission of the organization is Mobilizing Faith Communities to advocate for Public Education. Please feel free to click on the pink button below and print out the flyer and pass it out to friends you might want to attend with you.

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Weekly Reminders

NEW! Who wants to have their fur baby blessed by Ginny? Come on over with them and get them blessed April 20! (Please make sure they are on their leashes or in carriers for their safety. And non-fur babies like goldfish, alligators and lizards are welcome too!)



NEW!



NEW! Come join us between services from 10:05-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational Earth Care Activity and Snack Sunday April 21! Let's do our part to help save our planet!

FELLOWSHIP ZOOM WITH US!!!



ONLINE WORSHIPPERS!

If you're worshipping with us virtually, we would love to connect with you and help you connect with others after the service. Please join this Zoom meeting by clicking on the purple button below immediately following the 11am worship service for a time of fellowship and conversation.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE ONLINE ZOOM AFTER 11AM WORSHIP](#)



Our Younger Youth Group will meet this Sunday at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Teen Youth Group will meet this Sunday at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

We look forward to spending time with our awesome youth!

Contact: [Joelle Brummitt-Yale](#)

Children's Program



NEW SACRED ART TIME LOCATION

Sacred Art Time during our worship services now is being held in the classroom and nursery space in the education wing of the church building.

We have enlarged one of the classrooms to accommodate Sacred Art, and we will be including our nursery age children in the Sacred Art fun!

Sacred Art Time will continue to be held during both worship services.



Adult Vocal & Bells!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!
Handbell Choir Wednesdays at 6pm
(contact: [Katherine Brekke](#))
Adult Choir Wednesdays at 7:30pm
(contact: [Jeremy Nabors](#))



Ferrington Hour is back at the Belted Goat - Mondays, 1pm! All are welcome!

Mondays at 1pm, join us at the Belted Goat, Ferrington Village for an hour of fun and fellowship. You do not have to live in Ferrington Village to join us. All are welcome!

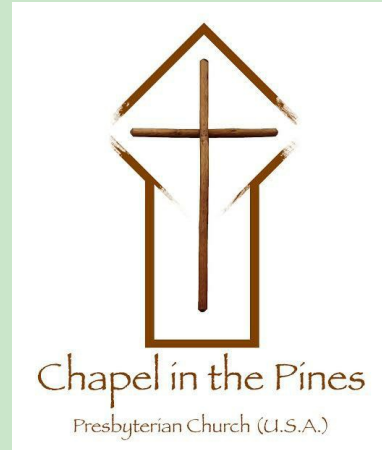


The Women's Study Group gets

together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in wonderful fellowship together. The group is reading Consider the Birds.

All women are welcome!

Contact: *Marcia Ladd*



Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE

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