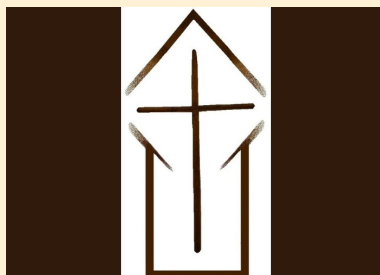


Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church  
Welcome, Worship, Witness  
[View as Webpage](#)



## LENTEN SEASON

Praying.  
Fasting.  
Almsgiving.



**IMPORTANT NOTE!** If you are viewing this email on your phone, we highly recommend that you go back up to the top of this page and click 'view on webpage'. If you do not do that, you will not be able to see this email in its entirety. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### YOUR PASTOR'S MUSING

For Saint Patrick's Day

On our honeymoon, Ginny and I hiked the mountain in Ireland, where Patrick



reputably cast all the snakes of the country into the sea. Archaeologists have found no evidence of this claim or any signs of green beer.

Whatever one chooses to believe, pilgrims continue to hike the steep, rocky trail. Many walk barefoot. I can tell you that the incline is laborious enough while wearing good boots.

Along the route are three cairns, stone towers built as altars or monuments, symbols of faith for the living and in remembrance of the dead. On pilgrimage, one's thoughts might journey to loved ones no longer visible in the flesh. Yet, one of the most beautiful aspects of Irish or Celtic Christianity is the idea of a thin place, a holy site where the distance between this world and the next becomes almost permeable.

A stone chapel sits atop Patrick's Mountain, and each stone in the building was carried by hand. Staring back down the treacherous trail, this fact seemed more miraculous to me than any snake magic.

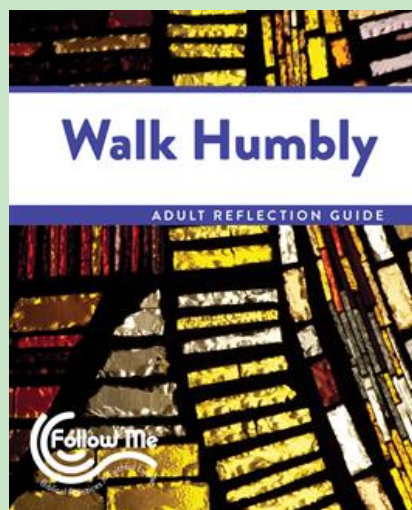
While I reflected on this truth, the sun finally broke through the gray clouds and glittered on Clew Bay below, like a thousand Irish eyes smiling.

In Hope -  
Andrew

---

**NEW!** To read Andrew's article "TROUTMAN: Big Hairy Audacious Prayers", [CLICK HERE](http://chathamnewsrecord.com) (*chathamnewsrecord.com*)

---



Join our Lenten Study/Sunday School Class  
led by Rodney and Becky Petersen  
Walking Humbly - Fellowship Hall Conference Room, 10am  
Remaining Sundays, March 17 and 24

Humility is hard to grasp. Indeed, the act of grasping at humility—striving for success at humbleness—seems to cause it to slip through our fingers. And perhaps that is the point. Through studying these sessions, participants will learn that humility is found in the knowledge that life is not a prize to be seized, but a gift to be received with gratitude. All our achievements, our powers and possessions, ultimately come from God and return to God—everything is grace. The four dimensions of this practice that are discussed include: remember that you are dust; favor the lowly; avoid judging others; and speak less, listen more.

We hope you will join us for this study!

If you are interested in purchasing the book in its regular form, click on the blue button below and you can order it through PCUSA. If you would like to purchase it in Kindle form, click on the orange button below to order it through Amazon. Both are currently listed at \$9 each.



CLICK HERE TO ORDER THE BOOK FROM  
PCUSA

CLICK HERE TO ORDER THE KINDLE VERSION OF THE BOOK FROM  
AMAZON



**75 YEARS** |  **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

# REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF  
FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,  
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
POOR AND OPPRESSED.

Text OGHS to 91999 to learn more about how your gift to  
One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).

  MATTHEW 25 

The One Great Hour of Sharing: An Antidote to That Numbness You're Feeling  
*by Leslee Shell*

On Sunday nights, Michael and I mark Sixty Minutes as a bright spot on our viewing calendar. We interrupt most things we are doing to watch it together. This last Sunday, February 24, the segment opened with scenes of chaos from a hospital in Gaza. A young boy, maybe aged 10, was on a gurney being wheeled into a besieged shell of a hospital and I could imagine the lack of resources available to help him. "I can't do anything," I said as I rose from my chair quickly to leave the scene, avoiding distress. What I was feeling was described in a New York Times article by Adam Grant on January 1 of this year.\* He wrote about what psychologists call "empathic distress: hurting for others while feeling unable to help."

Another friend, a talented pianist, told me he had stopped watching the news and now felt much better. My thought has always been, "They are living this pain, and can't we at least read about it or watch it?" But lately, I've been guilty of the same avoidance. What can I do about this unrelenting conflict and the fact that we humans seem to want to kill each other?

The Presbyterian Church has an antidote, the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). It's been happening around the world for the last 75 years. Money given is divided equally among three disciplines: 32 percent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 32 percent to Self-Development of People, and 36 percent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Through small gifts, made in an offering that is usually given on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, we can sustain a network of helpers that are fighting hunger, developing communities, and cleaning up disasters.

So recently, it is not the cruelty of war or a death of a hero in prison that is causing tears to flow. It's reading the stories of Presbyterian leaders here and around the world who are feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, visiting those in prison. The motto of the One Great Hour of Sharing rings true: "If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot."

*We will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, March 31 this year. Please consider donating at that time.*

---

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.

---



## Session Notes

To read the Session Digest from the  
February 18, 2024 Called Session  
Meeting, [CLICK HERE](#).

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

---



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Mar 14-21, 2024)**

**Thursday, March 14**

**Office Hours 9am-noon**

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm Finance & Administration Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers
- 7pm Mom's Night Out

**Friday, March 15**

**Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, March 16**

**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, March 17**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

- 9am Zoom Exploring Together Class
- 9:15am Worship Service, Outdoors
- 10am Lenten Study/Sunday School Class, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
- 12noon Online Fellowship, Zoom
- 3pm Younger Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Teen Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 18**

**Office Hours 9am-noon**

- 1pm Farrington Hour at the Belted Goat
- 3pm Farrington Village Singers Rehearse, Sanctuary
- 5pm Presbyterian String Band Rehearse, Sanctuary
- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Office Hours 9am-noon**

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Office Hours 9am-noon**

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

**Thursday, March 21**

**Office Hours 9am-noon**

## Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

**NEW!** To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Lenten Journey", [CLICK HERE.](#)

To read the PCUSA article about the meeting calling for a stop to the destruction in Gaza, [CLICK HERE!](#)

## Lent at Home

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES WEEK FOUR

**NEW!** In case you missed it, click on the button below to see the latest Family Lenten Faith Practices newsletter.

**CLICK HERE TO SEE  
OUR NEWEST FAMILY  
LENTEN FAITH  
PRACTICES  
NEWSLETTER**

## Easter Lilies



- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30pm Fearington Village Singers Rehearse, Sanctuary

**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.

---

## This Week!!



### OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

**NEW!** This Sunday we will kick off our 9:15am worship returning outdoors for this warmer season! Come worship outdoors with us, amidst our pine trees and the beauty of nature He has created for us.

---



As is traditional for CITP, we will have white Easter lilies around the communion table for Easter. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the narthex. This year you will have the choice of taking the lily home after the 11am service or letting the flower deacons take them to church members who may need some cheering up. Please help towards making the lilies possible. It's a beautiful way to honor the memory of a loved one on this Holy day.

Contact: Hope Weber

---

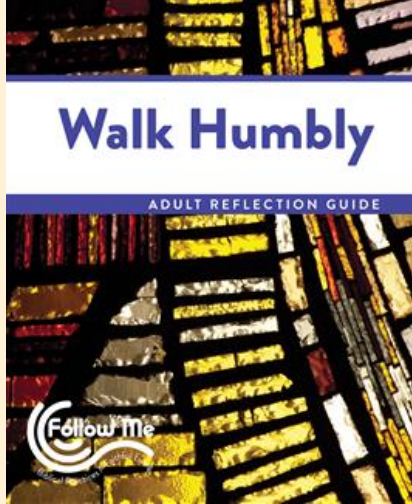
## Community Events

### MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT VOX VIRORUM THIS SUNDAY!

**NEW!** The Vox Virorum Men's Chorus, directed by our very own Jeremy Nabors, will present a concert this Sunday, March 17 at 3pm at Yate's Baptist Church, Durham. The concert will be shared with the Durham Children's Choir. Everyone is invited!

---

## Weekly Reminders



This Sunday, 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for part two of three for this class led by Rodney Petersen and Rebecca Sommer-Petersen. You are invited even if you missed last week's class!

---



**NEW!** WE CELEBRATE JACK DONOVAN, a member of Chapel in the Pines, on his appointment by New Hope Presbytery to serve as commissioned ruling elder of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Jack's commissioning service is this Sunday, March 17, at 3pm at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Andrew will preach at this service. In addition, BPC was the congregation that Ginny served before she came to CitP. All are welcome to attend.

---

## 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. As always, we look forward to spending time with you all!

*Contact: Joelle Brummitt-Yale*

---





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



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



Saturday, March 23  
9am-noon

## SPRING WORK DAY

Come join the fun in beautifying  
and sprucing up our lovely  
chapel in the pines!

# Save the Date



Adult Vocal &  
Bells!



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



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 have just began reading *Consider the Birds* by Debbie Blue!

All women are welcome!  
Contact: Marcia Ladd

Until next week...  
**GRACE & PEACE**

Join us as we explore together our shared identity

## ELIMINATING RACISM. CONNECTING HEARTS.

Sunday, March 24th @ 2:00 PM

Program includes an arts-based devotional



A light lunch will be served

Hosted by:

Mt. Zion Church - 530 Lystra Rd, Chapel Hill, NC, 27517

For details call: Pastor Larry Neal (919) 412-3001

Sponsored by:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church



Partners in  
Racial Justice

PartnersInRacialJustice.org

**NEW!** Next Sunday at 2pm, Partners in Racial Justice is having their monthly meeting on Eliminating Racism. Connecting Hearts. It will be at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and you're invited!

## INTERPRETATION

A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching

Romans

PAUL J. ACHTEMEIER



### Exploring Together Class

Our next study set to begin soon will be the Letter to the Romans. Sandy will have paperback copies of the commentary by Paul Achtemeier

available, so let him know if you need one. There is also a Kindle version and you can be reimbursed from the class's budget account if you submit a receipt with the reimbursement form to the church.

---



# *Lenten & Easter* SCHEDULE

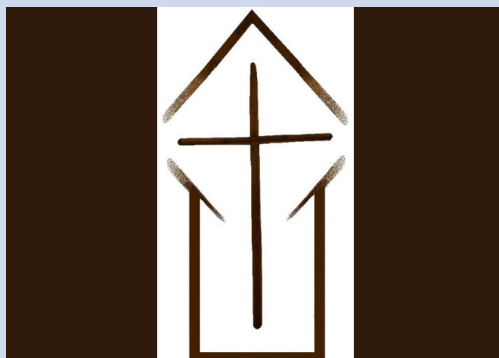
MARCH	
24 SUNDAY	Palm Sunday Worship 9:15 am & 11am
28 THURSDAY	Maundy Thursday Worship 5:30pm Fellowship Hall
29 FRIDAY	Good Friday Worship 7pm Mt. Zion Baptist Church
31	Easter Sunday Worship 8:15am & 11am



SUNDAY



## Chapel in the Pines



[Click Here to Donate Online to Chapel in the Pines](#)

[CLICK HERE TO PLEDGE ONLINE FOR 2024](#)

Please visit us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube



Chapel in the Pines  
Presbyterian Church PC(USA)  
314 Great Ridge Parkway  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
919-960-0616  
Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9am-noon  
Pastor's Hours: By appointment

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church | 314 Great Ridge Parkway, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-4122

[Unsubscribe](#) [info@citppc.org](mailto:info@citppc.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [admin@chapelinthepinespc.ccsend.com](mailto:admin@chapelinthepinespc.ccsend.com) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!