

Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church
Chatham County, North Carolina

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BELL PEAL RINGING OF THE TRINITY

Handbell Choir

PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Greg Howlett

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**

John 13:34

Jesus said:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

***HYMN #385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image and to love one another as you love each of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

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D^b C D^bmaj7 Fm Cm7 Fm



on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.")

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
 ¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.
 Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Denise Noble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Donna Pond

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-12

p. 226

The Word of the Lord.

LP, p. 292

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 8:2-11

p. 95

The Word of the Lord.

LP, pp. 122-123

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Through the Eyes of Jesus"

Lee Strange

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

OFFERING

Grazioso

Arnold Sherman

***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 #450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

(Hymn #747)

POSTLUDE

Slane

IRISH BALLAD

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Worship Notes

Today we welcome the Rev. Lee Strange to our pulpit. Lee and Barbara moved to Chapel Hill in 2013 after his retirement in 2012. Lee, a graduate of UNC-CH and Duke Divinity School, was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1973. He and Barbara, now an active elder at Chapel in the Pines, have two daughters, Jennifer and Julie, and five grandchildren.

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. 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 the Time With Children, young children are invited to meet the teacher at the back of sanctuary for children's church. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Strange at barbstra2@gmail.com or Mickey dePrater at mdeprater@hotmail.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 10:45 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 Jerry Wehmüller for his help in the narthex.

Our Life Together

Some of you have asked about the books that were left on many car windshields during worship last Sunday. We don't know the source of these books which represent a theological viewpoint different than those of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Chapel in the Pines.



On Sunday, July 30 we will receive our Pennies for Hunger offering. Set aside just 2 pennies for each meal and bring them with you to worship. Pennies for Hunger helps alleviate hunger in the 19 counties of Salem Presbytery and throughout the world. Let's work together to show that even a penny can go a long way to help feed hungry people!

FOURTH SUNDAY FORUM - Mark your calendars for a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon, August 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Some of Chapel in the Pines' retired clergy will be reflecting on their years of ministry and on the various ways the larger church has changed in recent decades. Join us as we look back at church ministry and as we consider the forces that shape church life now.

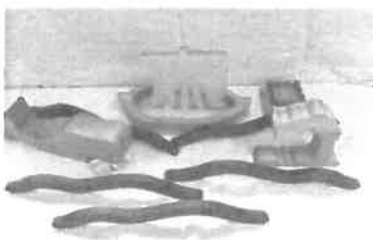
TAKE AND EAT FOOD PANTRY - CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD DRIVE

Take and Eat Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food and/or monetary donations. During the summer months donations at the Food Bank are very low. Please consider donating food at any time, but especially during our Food Drive in July. Please contact Debbie Sears at 919-942-8844 for more information. Checks can be made out to Take and Eat Food Pantry or CITP with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support!



BUILD A BACKPACK CAMPAIGN - Chapel in the Pines joins Chatham County United Way in launching their annual Build a Backpack Campaign. Help local children in need start this school year by providing a backpack filled with school supplies! Thank you for your past support; let's make this year's campaign even bigger! Donations will be accepted July 17 – August 4 at Chapel in the Pines. You may leave supplies in the collection box in the church narthex. For more information or to make a cash donation please contact Alane Coore at United Way of Chatham County by calling 919-542-1110 or by email at uwayadmn@emji.net.

Items needed are backpacks, glue sticks, loose-leaf paper, rulers, pocket Kleenex, hand sanitizer, notebooks, binders, erasers, pencil cases, pencils, paper, pens, crayons and folders.



Please join us Sunday, July 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the Children's room for a demonstration of Godly Play by Heather Ferguson, Director of Christian Education Westminster Presbyterian Church. Godly Play is a curriculum for the spiritual education of children. The Godly Play Foundation says, "Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond." For more information visit <http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org>.

Strobilus Arts

at Chapel in the Pines

Strobilus Arts is excited to present an exhibition of visual art in all media by members and friends of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church! The exhibition will open with a reception in the new fellowship hall on Friday, September 22, 2017 and be open for viewing from 7:00 - 9:00 on that date as well as from 11:30 - 4:00 on Sunday, September 24. Our church members and friends are invited to apply for submission in our Strobilus Autumn Art Exhibition. If you or a friend or relative have created art works in any medium that you would like to submit for consideration, please take an application from the narthex table, or ask Jan Rickard (rickardjanet@hotmail.com) or Sarah Graham (sahgrah@gmail.com) to email you the form. **Applications are due no later than Monday, September 4.** We are excited to be hosting this exhibit in our beautiful new fellowship hall! There is ample room there to showcase many works of art for viewers to enjoy.

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR REHEARSAL - Please join us Sundays at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse. No experience necessary and everyone is invited to join!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON BREAK FOR SUMMER— classes resume in August.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- **The Exploring Together Class** –The class begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. This class is studying the book *Martin Luther: a Short Introduction*, by Scott Hendrix. We welcome new members at any time. For further information and a copy of the study book, 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. Everyone is welcome! For details contact Todd Adams at chapelhill5700@yahoo.com or visit the church website at www.citppc.org.

Opportunities for Service

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, yet low-income children often have few or none. 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.

CHATHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Chapel in the Pines' next work day is **July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at 428 E. 9th Street in Siler City. If you'd like to help or need more information, please contact Bart Holtz log.home@mindspring.com or call at 919-968-9088.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you are able to provide flowers for the sanctuary, read scripture, or help with communion please visit our website [sign-up link](http://citppc.org/modules/info/?tac=Sunday_Sign-ups). Your time and talents are needed and much appreciated; to volunteer go to http://citppc.org/modules/info/?tac=Sunday_Sign-ups

Leading our worship today:

Lee Strange, Guest Preacher
Denise Noble, Duke Divinity Student Intern
Jeremy Nabors, Director of Music Ministry
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