

Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church
Chatham County, North Carolina

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 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

God of glory, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we witness to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

BELL PEAL RINGING OF THE TRINITY

Handbell Choir

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius, arr. Cindy Berry

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**

Psalm 47

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!
God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

***HYMN #268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Living God, we confess that our faith can be weak at times, our love for others can be faint at times, our prayers timid, and our gratitude unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, draw us near in mercy. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

(Hymn #551)

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B^b C Dm

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

(G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; 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.")

Response of Praise

Alleluia

(Hymn #588)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Garrett Southerland

PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Moore

FIRST READING

John 17:1-11

p. 105

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 1:6-14

p. 110

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Let's Get Busy. But First..."

Lynn Stall

*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 #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

OFFERING

In Highest Majesty

David Paxton

* 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 #266

Joy to the World!

RICHMOND

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

(Hymn #240, refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

POSTLUDE

Richmond

Thomas Haweis

**Please stand, if you are able.*

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.).

The flowers in our sanctuary this Sunday are given by Nana, Dominic and Troy Morelli in loving memory of their daughter and sister Kaitlin Morelli.

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 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.

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 Lynne Hoerter for her help in the narthex.

Our Life Together

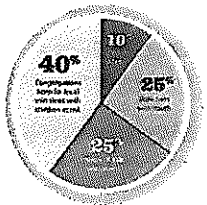


Today we receive our **Pennies for Hunger** offering. **Pennies for Hunger** helps alleviate hunger in the 19 counties of Salem Presbytery and throughout the world. Let's work together to show that even a penny can go a long way to help feed hungry people!

FINANCIAL Q & A - Plan to remain after worship today for a presentation on Chapel in the Pines' finances. This is the time to ask members of the finance committee your questions regarding our financial status. Join us in the seats near the piano.

HELP WANTED Fellowship Hall Kitchen cleanup - Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. A few people are needed to clean the new Fellowship Hall kitchen. Post construction debris removal is needed prior to installing shelf liner in the cabinets and drawers. Limited space is available so please contact me soon to reserve your space on our cleanup team! For more information please contact Lynne Hoerter by email at hoerter1@gmail.com or by phone at 919-929-2612.

CHAPEL IN THE PINES CLEANING DAY – Volunteers needed on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 to noon. We will clean the new Fellowship Hall so we can move in. This will save us about \$2000 towards the cost of the building (and due to overruns this is very helpful). We will dust, clean all windows inside and out, sweep and mop the floor, clean bathrooms, and general cleanup of the site. We will need step ladders for window cleaning inside and out. If you can bring paper towels, Windex, and dusting supplies, it would be appreciated. There will be plenty for everyone to do and all skill levels can be used. For more information, contact Bruce Raymond at bvraymond@nc.rr.com.



Investing in Our Youth – On Sunday, June 4 we will receive the Pentecost Offering. This Special Offering supports our children at risk, youth, and young adult ministries. Not only does this Offering support these ministries at the national level, but 40% of the offering will stay here to be used to support Communities in Schools of Chatham County, whose mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE PARTY- the Scottish Dance Class will hold its end-of-year party on **Saturday, June 10, 2:00-5:00 p.m.** The group invites church members and friends come to watch the dancing AND to listen to the great music provided by local musicians, Mara Shea (fiddle) and Dean Herington (piano). The dance begins promptly at 2. There will be an intermission with goodies and punch. You need not stay the whole time, but the group would love to see you there!

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR rehearsal begins Sunday, July 11. Please join us at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday to rehearse. No experience necessary and everyone is invited to join!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CHAPEL IN THE PINES - June 12-16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a light supper served. Classes for preschool through adult will be shared between Mt. Zion, Chapel in the Pines, Evergreen and Haw River Baptist. Our theme this year will be *Let Your Light Shine!* For more information or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn Stall at lynnstall@citppc.org.

VBS CLASS FOR ADULTS - All are invited to participate in VBS, June 12 – 16. If you are not involved in teaching or helping our children, plan to attend our shared meal, followed by a class for adults. Thanks to those who will teach the adult class: Larry Neal, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist; Julie Poston, pastor of Evergreen UMC; and Lee Strange and Sandy Williams from Chapel in the Pines.

FARM TO HOME - For over two years, the Farm at Penny Lane's *Farm to Home* program has been providing free, fresh produce on a weekly basis to clients of the Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health and others in our community who are affected by mental illness. This year, instead of selling a portion of their produce at the Fearington Farmers Market they will be expanding our *Farm to Home* program to serve ten additional households. Not only are those receiving the produce benefiting but six, additional individuals have joined their *Farm to Home Harvest Crew*: a new, vocational work-exchange program. The goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Spring/Summer season and \$5,000 for the Fall/Winter season. **Please consider helping to increase the impact by sponsoring a fruit and veggie pack.** For additional details and sponsorship information contact Michelle Morehouse, *Farm Program Manager*, at 919-445-0665 or email her at michelle_morehouse@med.unc.edu.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON BREAK FOR SUMMER– **this Sunday will be the last class until school resumes in August.** Sunday school for children, ages Pre-K through 5th grade, will not have class during the summer months. All children's Sunday school teachers will have a break during these months. Those who are interested in helping with Children's Church, please contact Barbara Strange at barbstra2@gmail.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: (Please note differing start times)

- **The Exploring Together Class** –The class begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. This class is studying the New Testament book of Acts, which relates the founding and early history of the Christian Church. 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 days are on **June 3 and 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. 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: Lynn Stall, Interim Pastor, lynnstall@citppc.org
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