

Chapel in the Pines  
Presbyterian Church  
Chatham County, North Carolina

**New Member Sunday**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 24, 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**

Generous God, you come to us again and again, calling to us, gathering us, giving us good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit, align us with your ways, and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and teacher. Amen.

**BELL PEAL RINGING OF THE TRINITY**

Handbell Choir

**PRELUDE**

*Glory in the name of God*

George Friedrich Handel

**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**

from Psalm 145

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

**Generations of believers will tell each other:**

God has done mighty things.

**Let us give thanks as we sing our praise!**

**\*HYMN #65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we seek after things, but we do not seek after you. We expect generosity, but we do not show generosity. We are not gracious or grateful. We fail to remember all that you have done. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring our own faults. May we ask for your mercy once again? Will you help us be more merciful toward one another? Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude as we pray together and now silently in the name of Jesus Christ by whose grace we are saved. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The first staff has three measures with chord symbols Bb, Eb, and F above them. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Christ - e e - le - i -

The second staff has five measures with chord symbols Bb, G, Cm, F, and Bb above them. The lyrics are: son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; A - men; A - men.

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.")*

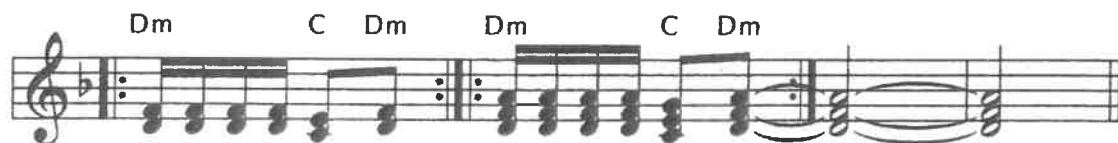


1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!  
 2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!  
 3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!  
 2 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Je - su - cris - to!  
 3 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria al Es - pí - ri - tu!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!  
 ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!  
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Garrett Southerland

PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karen Fisher

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-15  
 The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

pp. 60-61  
 LP, p. 78

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 20:1-16  
 The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

pp. 20-21  
 LP, p. 26

SERMON

"Astonishing Mercy"

Lynn Stall

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Confession of Belhar, 11.4

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**\*HYMN #729**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

**OFFERING**

*Holy Manna*

by Betty Garee

**\*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)

(Each petition will conclude with a congregational response, "Gracious God, we come to you.)

**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 #372**

*O for a World*

AZMON

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

(Hymn #539)

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

### Worship Notes

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Mary Myers to the glory of God and in celebration of Frank Myers 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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 rejoin their parent(s). If you have questions, please contact Paul Isom, Ruling Elder for Christian Education, at [pcisom@gmail.com](mailto:pcisom@gmail.com) or Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director for Christian Education, at [joelleby@yahoo.com](mailto:joelleby@yahoo.com). A nursery is provided for children through age four.

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](http://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 11:30 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 John McDowell for his help in the narthex.

## Our Life Together

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER** Mary Roodkowsky. You are invited to greet her during our fellowship time after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**NEW EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** - You are invited to remain after worship in the sanctuary today to hear from Tristan Bland who will share his plans for his Eagle Scout project to build a path through the woods behind our buildings.

**STROBILUS ART EXHIBIT** - Join us from 11:30 – 4:00 p.m. this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall for our Strobilus Autumn Art Exhibition. You'll see almost fifty works of art on display by nineteen local artists, some of whom are members of Chapel in the Pines. Don't miss this inspiring afternoon in our new fellowship hall.



Today we 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!

**BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH MISSION** - Mark your calendars for this discussion, led by our new member Mary Roodkowsky, Will Sibert, and Susie Smith, on Sunday, October 1 immediately after the fellowship time. If you wish, you may bring a sandwich. Mary, Will, and Susie will share their experiences and begin a conversation about serving beyond our doors.

**CITP WORK DAY** – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 14**. We will plant, landscape, mop and recondition floors. For more information contact Karen Atkins at [atkins.karen.e@gmail.com](mailto:atkins.karen.e@gmail.com).

**GREAT CHILI COOKOFF** is planned for Saturday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Singer and songwriter, Bryan McFarland, Associate Presbyter and Hunger Action Advocate for Salem Presbytery, will join us for this time to benefit the Take and Eat Food Pantry. Watch for more details later.

**CONVERSATIONS ON RACE** discussion group has been postponed until Wednesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. The visit to Stagville Plantation in Durham is planned for Wednesday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch and conversation. The group meets again on October 18. For more information about the plantation or the discussion group, speak to Sandy Williams.

**WOMEN'S STUDY** – this study meets every Tuesday at 10:00. All women are invited to participate in our discussion, based on the Kerygma study, “An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth – Lessons for our Fractured World”. Study books are \$20 but are not required. For more information, contact Lynn Stall at [lynnstall@citppc.org](mailto:lynnstall@citppc.org).

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** – **Regular Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday – New Ringers are welcome! **Worship Handbells** - new for fall! We meet on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to learn music to contribute to the service that Sunday. Regular participation on Wednesday nights is not required. New ringers welcome! **Middle School Handbells** - for rising 5th-8th graders. Practice is from 4:30-5:15 p.m. each Wednesday and a semester commitment is required to participate. This is open to all youth, please share with everyone you know! For more info, contact Katherine Brekke at [katherine@montyandkatherine.com](mailto:katherine@montyandkatherine.com).

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** – Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! For more information contact Jeremy Nabors at [jnabors@citppc.org](mailto:jnabors@citppc.org).

**CHATHAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER** needs our help and encouragement. Chapel in the Pines visits the young women at the CYDC once a month. A training session for new members of our team is planned for October. For more information, contact Keith Glidewell at [keithglidewell@gmail.com](mailto:keithglidewell@gmail.com) or Susie Smith at [syncks@gmail.com](mailto:syncks@gmail.com).

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

- **The Exploring Together Class** –The class begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. This class is currently studying the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy using a commentary by Patrick Miller. We welcome new members at any time. For further information, contact Brenda Moore at [bmoore123@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmoore123@nc.rr.com) or visit the church website at [www.citppc.org](http://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](mailto:chapelhill5700@yahoo.com) or visit the church website at [www.citppc.org](http://www.citppc.org).

### **Opportunities for Service**

**LAY READERS NEEDED** - Would you like to become a lay reader? If you have not read aloud during worship and would like to serve in this way, please speak to Lynn Stall. Experienced readers are welcome too!

**CHATHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - Chapel in the Pines' next work days are **September 30 and October 28**. If you'd like to help or need more information, please contact Bart Holtz [log.home@mindspring.com](mailto:log.home@mindspring.com) or call at 919-968-9088.

**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. 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](mailto:paulharrell@embarqmail.com)

Leading our worship today:      Lynn Stall, Interim Pastor  
   Hal Truax, Liturgist  
   Jeremy Nabors, Director of Music Ministry  
   Rob Passow, Pianist  
   Katherine Brekke, Director of Handbell Choir

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