

The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

April 6, 2025

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion Sunday**



Our Mission

As an independent, interdenominational Church, we unify all Christians through the Word of God, worship God in spirit and truth; teach and encourage the Christian faith; support the spiritual needs of our congregation and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through community outreach.

The Village Chapel

An Enduring Vision for Christian Community

As an independent, interdenominational, Christian community, we look to the authority of scripture and the Lordship of Christ in all matters of doctrine and practice. Our mission is founded upon the precepts of worship, learning, and service.

First, The Village Chapel exists to worship God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together, the Trinity are “worshipped and glorified,” as we, and Christians throughout history, profess in the Nicene Creed. In the Gospel of John, our Lord teaches us, that the Father seeks worshippers (John 4:23). Therefore, we assemble together as a community of worshippers to give God our praise and thanksgiving, and to exalt His name in The Village of Pinehurst and Moore County. The Village Chapel is a place of worship, and we are His worshippers—not only on Sundays, but every day, and everywhere.

Next, we are called to become learners of Christ. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, to learn from Him (Matthew 11:29), and He commissioned us to teach people about Him (Matthew 28:20). Christian living is Christian learning. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “Christianity without discipleship, is Christianity without Christ.” Jesus desires for us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him, so we can be equipped to teach others, sharing the message of the Gospel—learners becoming imitators of Christ.

Finally, we are called to be servants—to serve God and to serve one another. Jesus said that He “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28) We are not to be “hearers” of the Word only, but “doers.” (James 1:22) Following the Lord’s example of sacrificial service, we too are to live sacrificially in our service to God, His Church, and others.

Upon these three pillars, is the vision of The Village Chapel founded.

Worship. Learn. Serve.

Rev Dr. Ashley Neil Smith, Senior Pastor



If you are looking for a church home, the pastors would like to meet with you at your convenience. The process for membership is simple and straightforward. Once a new member application (one page) is submitted - applications can be requested from our office, filled out online, or found in our visitor folders in the narthex - then, a meeting with a pastor is scheduled. Because we are an interdenominational community - including many Christian faith traditions - we offer dual membership. Dual membership allows you to be a member of The Village Chapel and another church. Also, transfer letters are not required, but can be requested at your behest. We look forward to worshipping, learning, and serving with you and your family, in the days to come.

HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00 A.M.

† *Congregation stands*

Opening Voluntary *Prelude on O Traurigkeit*

Minister's Informal Words

Ethel Smyth

Rev. Dr. Ashley N. Smith

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† Opening Hymn *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

† Minister: *Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins*

People: His mercy endureth forever.

† Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to His people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

† Collect for Purity

† Summary of the Law

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

(kneel or sit)

Collect of the Day

Old Testament: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

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Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

† Gospel: *John 12:1-8*

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Prior to the reading the congregation says:

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Meditation

Rev. Trey Majure

† Nicene Creed (*People*)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers for the Church and People

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of General Confession (*People*)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution

Comfortable Words

Sursum Corda

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Preface (*proper prefaces as appointed*)

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus (People)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer (*People*)

Prayer of Humble Access (*People*)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*People*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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Benediction

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

Closing Voluntary

Reader: Elizabeth Webster

Altar: Marjorie Ludwig

MEN OF THE CHAPEL

Men's Fellowship Breakfast The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Thursday **April 24**, at the Pine Crest Inn. The cost for the breakfast is \$20 which includes tax and gratuity. Coffee is available at 6:45 with breakfast at 7:00. Please email jimvoelkel74@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

All women who come to the Chapel are invited and encouraged to participate

Women of the Chapel meeting will be on **May 13** at 9:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage, 55 Community Road Pinehurst.

Cross Ties Luncheon will be held Tuesday, **May 13**, at 11:45 a.m. at The Pine Crest Inn. The cost for lunch is \$20. If you plan to attend, please remember RSVPs are due by noon on Friday, **May 9**. If you have any questions, please contact **Jan Cooke at 910-280-0602 or cheznous@windstream.net**. No response is needed by those who have planned to attend monthly, unless unable to attend. Cancellations must be received by noon on Friday, **May 9**, to avoid being responsible for the cost.

Faith & Fellowship Walk All ladies are invited to gather for our next monthly walk on Saturday, **May 3**, at 9:00 a.m. outside Heritage Hall. Betsy Barnard will lead the way as we walk along the lovely path behind our chapel, sharing Bible verses and other inspiring words. Children and leashed pets are welcome! If you have questions, please email **Betsy at ekbarnard@yahoo.com**.

WOC Book Club Are you interested in joining a Christian Book Club? We will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. Our next meeting will be on **April 11**. Our book is *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur. Please join us! Contact **Renee at Reneecassidy@gmail.com** for details.

Keys to Freedom Join us for *Keys to Freedom*, an inspiring 8-week interactive Bible study designed to deepen your faith and transform your spiritual journey. Whether you're new to faith or looking to grow closer to God, this study offers a warm, approachable, and life-changing experience. The study will begin on **May 7** at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Contact **Renee at Reneecassidy@gmail.com** for registration.

Garden Club We are looking for a new chair if you would like to lead the group. Please contact **Lyla Elliott 910-773-0256 or womenofthechapeltvc@gmail.com** if you are interested in joining our gardening club.

Retreat Committee We are looking for new chairs. If you are interested, please email womenofthechapeltvc@gmail.com

OUTREACH UPCOMING DATES

Friend to Friend's Rock'n Run 5K April 25 Run begins at 6:00 p.m. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/em/1880618/c83a32979c81900d19416123a3aeacb0618d55fa83e792e5c03341d2e1a685f3/583>

Habitat Gala April 25 To register, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/habitatgala2025/welcome>

Young Life Family Camp April 25-27 at Windy Gap, Weaverville, NC.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights will meet in Heritage Hall from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Sunday School will be held in Heritage Hall. Nursery is available during all three services.

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA is an active part of TVC. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:45 p.m. There are many opportunities to get involved or be an assistant with minimal time required. Volunteers are needed to make these ministries successful for the church and the community. Don't hesitate to contact **Jeremy Lashmit at Jeremylashmit@gmail.com** for Trail Life and **Lindsey at putz.lindsey@gmail.com** for American Heritage Girls. We will meet on **April 9 & 23**.

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THE 9:30 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

* Nursery is available in Heritage Hall.

† *Congregation stands*

Opening Voluntary	<i>Procession</i>	Herbert Sumsion
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Ashley N. Smith
Call to Worship		
† Opening Hymn	<i>Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	263
Choral Anthem	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Richard Lloyd
† Doxology		
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him, above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	
† Hymn	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	255
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Vickie Smith
The Lord's Prayer (<i>People</i>)		
	Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.	
Old Testament:	<i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i>	(bulletin, p.9)
Sermon		Rev. Trey Majure
† Nicene Creed (<i>People</i>)		
	I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. <i>Amen.</i>	
The Lord's Supper		
	(No Sunday School on First Sundays. Worship bags are available in the Narthex. Children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion)	

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Prelude on Old 124th*

Healey Willan

Greeters: Jim & Nancy Hobby

Acolytes: Tucker Boyd Newman & Nathaniel Walker

Reader: Ava Taylor Walker

Altar: Janis Sholtis & Kathleen Scurti

2025 Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

12:00 p.m. April 17 (Meditative music beginning at 11:30 a.m.)

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. April 18 (Meditative music beginning at 11:30 a.m.)

Easter Egg Hunt

1:00 p.m. April 19

Easter Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

† *Congregation stands*

⌄ Please enter the Sanctuary quietly to allow all to prepare themselves in reverence for worship.

Opening Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue on O Taurigkeit*

Ethel Smyth

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ashley N. Smith

Call to Worship

† Opening Hymn *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

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Prayer of Confession (People)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response *Kyrie Eleison*

Richard Proulx

Old Testament: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

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† *Psalm 126* (Read responsively)

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† Gloria Patri (during Lent, the choir sings on behalf of the congregation)

Charles Wood

New Testament: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

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Gospel Reading: *John 12:1-8*

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Minister: The Lord be with You.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Vickie Smith

† Hymn *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

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Sermon

Rev. Trey Majure

† Apostles' Creed (People)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Choral Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Richard Lloyd

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
to Thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by Thy might, great God our King! Amen.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven; who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*sung by the choir*)

John Merbeck

Consecration of the Elements (Minister)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Fraction Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

John Merbeck

Holy Communion

Commissioning of Homebound Lay Eucharist Minister – Shirley Aquino

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(People)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

† Closing Hymn *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

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Benediction & Choral Response

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

Closing Voluntary *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*


Healey Willan

Ushers: **Cam Cantelou**, Fred Fox, George Watterworth, Jack Wood, Russell Zumwalt Reader: Charles Webb

Flower Delivery: Jack & Judi Wood LEM: Ed & Gerri Crutchfield

Altar: Marjorie Ludwig & Jan Jeffress

<p>Total Attendance Sunday, March 30: 489</p>	<p>New Members in 2024: 153 New Members in 2025: 36</p>	<p>PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING Ann Kallam, Ray Barnes, Eleanor Hargan, Philip & Marilyn Kirol, Andy Trepczyk, Yvonne Gale, Pam Griffin, Adrienne Oxendine, Dot Evans, Keith Miller</p>
<p>You Tube Last week 203 viewers tuned in to our services</p>		

<p>Flower Dedication for Sunday, April 6</p> <p> The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Martha and Jon DeVault in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary which is April 9.</p> <p>The Hymn Board flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dr. Jonathan and Mrs. Nestor in celebration of our 41-year anniversary.</p>	<p>Communion Sunday Bagpiper</p> <p>We would like to thank Denny Ellis & Karen Bradshaw for their sponsorship of the bagpiper for today's Communion Sunday and the musical talents of Mr. Peter McArthur.</p> <p>*If you would like to sponsor the bagpiper for a Communion Sunday, please contact the Chapel office.</p>
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If you or one of your family members are in the hospital, let us know so we can provide you with pastoral care. Please call the office.

Please reach out to John Roberts with any prayer requests at pstrjohnroberts@gmail.com. You can also share your prayer requests on the prayer cards on the back of the pews and deposit them in the prayer boxes in the back of the church. They will be prayed for by the Upper Room prayer team.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21 *This is what the Lord says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.*

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Philippians 3:4b-14 *though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

John 12:1-8 *Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”*

April 13 Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Luke 19:28-40

CARE OF THE CONGREGATION

Meal Ministry offers a meal to our members who may be experiencing a recent hospitalization, an illness, a birth, death, relocation, or other need. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please contact **Anne DeRosa** at annederosa00@gmail.com or **Agnes Fusselbaugh** at fusselag@gmail.com.

GriefShare Support Group Aberdeen First Baptist Church, located at 700 N. Sandhills Blvd, Aberdeen, will be hosting the spring session of GriefShare with weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., through **May 28**. There is time for support group discussion as well as personal study and reflection guided by workbook exercises

during the week. The registration fee is \$20 to cover materials. Call AFB church office at 910-944-1421 with any questions or to sign up. You may also learn more at griefshare.org, or by contacting **Carole Weaver at 910-975-0983**. **Dementia Care Resources** can now be located on the Care of the Congregation page on The Village Chapel's website. The page hosts video links, blog posts, general and local information on support groups, information on the Senior Enrichment Center, and more! Check the Chapel Herald and weekly eblasts for more information.

MUSIC

Chapel Choir The Village Chapel Choir rehearses Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and leads all musical elements of the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services as well as special services during the year. Contact **Stephen Gourley at stephen@tvcpinehurst.com** for more information.

The Children's Choir rehearses most Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. service and sing monthly in worship. Contact **Deborah Holden, Director, at debdrey@gmail.com**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

The Al Mangum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class Join us today at 10:45 a.m. at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd) for Sunday School. Each class begins with prayer, followed by a video series, and discussion lead by various members of The Village Chapel. For questions on the class or how you can get involved, please contact **Greg Wetzelberger at 850-549-7806, John Rowerdink at 910-235-0644 or Bill Bremer at 910-690-4076**.

Revelation in a Year On the first Wednesday of each month, Greg Wetzelberger will lead the "Revelation in a Year" class. Join us for the next class on **May 7**, in Heritage Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Defending Your Faith Pastor Trey and Ken Dickson lead a class on how to defend your Christian faith in a rapidly changing world. This course is designed to help you discuss your faith with friends and family, and how to defend it against common objections. Our next meeting will be today, **April 6**, in Heritage Hall at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Trey at trey@tvcpinehurst.com**

Seminary Lecture Series Join Pastor Ashley as he explores the History of Christianity. The class begins with a 30-minute video lecture by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D., followed by a 30-minute discussion of the subject matter. The class meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next lecture is Wednesday, **April 16**, at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd-Pinehurst), and is entitled: "Theological Crisis and Council-Christology." There is no cost or registration required, and all are welcome!

Practicing the Way explores what it means to follow Jesus, not only in what we believe, but in how we live. It helps us learn the practices of Jesus that create space for the Holy Spirit to transform us into people of depth and love. Join us for the "**Scripture Practice**" on **April 15, and 29** from 4:30 - 5:45pm at the Care Cottage. For questions, please contact **Steve & Bonnie Jo Wurzbacher at bonniewurzbacher@mac.com**

Thursday Bradshaw Bible Study Join us at the start of this new year with a study of the first book of the New Testament: the Gospel of Matthew. With the guidance of Charles Swindoll's book, *Insights on Matthew 1-15* (on Amazon), we will explore the announcement, arrival, proclamation and reception of the King, Messiah and Immanuel - Jesus Christ. The class meets each Thursday at 2:30 at the Care Cottage for about 13 sessions. For questions, comments and to be on the email list for scheduling changes and updates, please contact **Stan Bradshaw at stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com**

Community Men's Bible Study Greg Wetzelberger will lead us in studying the Book of Revelation. Please consider joining us on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. If you would like to purchase a study guide, the link can be found in the weekly Adult Christian Education e-blast.

Women of the Chapel Bible Study Our next Bible study will be "Share Jesus Without Fear" - Discover ways to guide a witnessing conversation without fear of failure or rejection. This easy-to-use, relational approach to witnessing teaches that you cannot fail in sharing your faith if you depend on the power of God for the results. Jennifer Imperial and Christy Forrest will facilitate this 4-week study which begins on Monday, **April 14**, at 10:00 am at the Care Cottage. Contact **Christy Forrest at ct4est@gmail.com** for details. The study guide is available at www.lifeway.com/sharejesus and can also be purchased on Amazon. Be sure to order the blue copy of the study guide.

Tables of 8 Fellowship Are you interested in connecting with church members in a small group setting? Join us for a monthly meal and the opportunity to make new friends. Your group is waiting for you! For questions or more information, contact **Julie Huggins at hugginsj4@gmail.com**

Palm Crosses Workshop

It has become an annual tradition for us to use palms to make crosses to distribute to those attending the Palm Sunday services. Making the crosses is a fun project, no skills needed, we always have a few experts in the group, and we also project a great instructive video on a big screen to guide us along. Workshops will be held in Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. on Thursday, **April 10**, and if needed, again on Friday, **April 11**. If you would like to participate, please contact **Janis Sholtis know at ianissholtis@gmail.com**

This Week

Sunday – April 6

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Family Service with Communion	Sanctuary
10:45 a.m.	The Al Mangum Adult Sunday School	Care Cottage
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Defending Your Faith	Heritage Hall

Monday – April 7

6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (Women's)	Conference Room
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Tuesday – April 8

7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Board Room
9:30 a.m.	Women's Steering Committee Meeting	Care Cottage
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Staff Conference Room
11:45 a.m.	Cross Ties Luncheon	Pine Crest Inn

Wednesday – April 9

10:00 a.m.	Communications Committee Meeting	Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
2:00 p.m.	Keys to Freedom Study	Board Room
5:45 p.m.	AHG/Trail Life	Heritage Hall

Thursday – April 10

10:00 a.m.	Palm Crosses Workshop	Heritage Hall
1:00 p.m.	Palm Crosses Workshop	Heritage Hall
2:30 p.m.	Bradshaw Bible Study	Care Cottage
4:00 p.m.	Men's Community Bible Study	Care Cottage
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

Friday – April 11

2:00 p.m.	WOC Book Club	Care Cottage
6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Meal	Chapel Hall

If you would like to receive our weekly eblasts, please scan the QR Code and complete the form.



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First Wednesday Fellowship May 7, 2025

*There will be a meal in **Chapel Hall** with music and genuine Christian fellowship. The purpose of the FWF is to provide a monthly opportunity for members, non-members, and newcomers, to get connected and develop lasting relationships. All are welcome! The meal will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and be catered so reservations are required and can be made by contacting The Village Chapel office at **(910) 295-6003**. Donations are graciously accepted to offset the cost of the meal. If you make a reservation and your plans change, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can update our list for the caterer.*

Reservations must be made by MONDAY, May 5
Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____ Number for Dinner _____

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Sunday Morning Worship Service Times:

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist;

9:30 a.m. Family Service with Children's Sermon

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship

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Sunday Morning Radio Broadcasts

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

WIOZ at 550 (AM) from 8:00 to 8:30

WLHC at 103.1 (FM) from 8:30 to 9:00

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