

The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

October 29, 2023

125th Anniversary Service



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.

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An Enduring Vision of Christian Unity

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.

A Service of Worship Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of The Village Chapel

† Congregation stands

Opening Voluntary	Festival Prelude on <i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	William Faulkes
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Trey Majure
Recognition of Confirmands		Rev. Vickie Smith
Call to Worship		
†Opening Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	106
Litany of Thanksgiving		

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness:

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Pastors, Trustees, and Staff Members,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

We thank you, Lord.

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

We thank you, Lord.

For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

We thank you, Lord.

For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

We thank you, Lord.

For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

We thank you, Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

We thank you, Lord.

For the children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and

now serve him around the world,

We thank you, Lord.

And for a free and prospered land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

We thank you, Lord.

(a period of silence is kept)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

Children's Anthem *God is Here with Me*

Christopher Hogan

Children's Sermon

First Reading: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13

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New Testament: Ephesians 4: 4-6,11-16

Gospel: John 17: 20-23

Choral Anthem *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls*

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay, 'gainst the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place, overlaid with gold. The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessed all the house, the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole. Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord. Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land. Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God. When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord we pray.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ashley Neil Smith

†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 arose 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 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.

Choral Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (text at Hymnal 68) Leo Nestor

†Presentation of Offerings

†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.

Holy Communion

Music during communion *In Christ There is No East or West* (sung by the choir) Stephen Gourley
(hymn tune written for today's service)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*said by all*)

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 your with gladness and singleness of heart. Amen.

†Hymn *To God Be the Glory* 66

Benediction

Choral Response *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Eilers

All are invited to depart during the voluntary. The congregation is asked to allow designated guests to depart before exiting.

Postlude *Flourish for an Occasion* William H. Harris

Readers: Charles Webb and Landen Smith

Altar Guild: Jennifer Imperial

Acolytes: Greyson Wetzberger and Levi Majure

Flower Delivery: Mike and Mary Jo Matthies

Ushers: Jeff Holm, Fred Fox, Jack Raffaele, Cam Cantelou, Jack Wood, Russell Zumwalt

Piano accompanist: Janelle Francis

FLOWERS GIVEN IN REMEMBRANCE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Roy Register in loving memory of his wife Carolyn and son Courtney.

The Hymn Board flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ron and Juanita Milam in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Kallam, Ray Barnes, Eleanor Hargan, Jack Laflin, Bev Raffaele, Jennifer Bowman,
Nathalie Thomas, Marge Behning, Kelley Daniel, Philip & Marilyn Kirol,
Andy Trepcyk, Cookie Kremer, Nick Nickerson, Margret Carson Brown, Jon Devault

Scripture Readings

1 Chronicles 29: 10-13 David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Ephesians 4: 4-6, 11-16 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

John 17: 20-23 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

This Week

Sunday – October 29

10:00 a.m. 125th Anniversary Worship Service Sanctuary
Luncheon following worship Chapel Hall and Heritage Hall

Monday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild meeting Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study Care Cottage
6:00 p.m. AA Meeting (women’s) Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship Group Care Cottage

Tuesday – October 31

7:30 a.m. Women’s Prayer Group Board Room
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Staff Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Back Chapel Driveway

Wednesday – November 1

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
4:30 p.m. Evangelising through Social Media Heritage Hall
6:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Night Dinner Chapel Hall

Thursday – November 2

8:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study Care Cottage
2:30 p.m. Book of Deuteronomy Bible Study Care Cottage
4:00 p.m. Community Bible Study Care Cottage
6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Friday – November 3

6:30 p.m. Women of the Chapel Movie Night Chapel Hall

**First Wednesday Fellowship November 1, 2023
Volunteer Appreciation Night**

*There will be a meal in **Chapel Hall** with music and genuine Christian fellowship. We will be celebrating our wonderful volunteers. 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, October 30. Reservations can be made by calling Heather (ext. 101) or by sending an email to heather@tvcpinehurst.com. 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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