

The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

November 12, 2023

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Veterans' 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 GARDINER* Healey Willan
Minister's Informal Words Rev. Vickie C. Smith
Veteran's Day Slideshow
- † Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help, in Ages Past* 84
† *Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
- † 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: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25* (bulletin, p.7)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
- New Testament: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* (bulletin, p.8)
Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.
- † Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13* (bulletin, p.8)
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. 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 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 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

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Benediction

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

Closing Voluntary

Reader: Mike Fusselbaugh

Altar: Jan Jeffress

THE 9:30 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Nursery is available in Heritage Hall.

† Congregation stands

Opening Voluntary <i>March for a Joyous Occasion</i>	Conrad Susa
Words of Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Vickie C. Smith
Veteran's Day Slideshow	
Call to Worship	
† Opening Hymn <i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	581
Children's Sermon	Rev. Vickie Smith
<i>Sunday School registration in Heritage Hall after Children's Sermon</i>	
Anthem <i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>	Patrick Hawes
† 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>I Love Your Kingdom, Lord</i>	549
Pastoral Prayer	
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.	
First Lesson: <i>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</i>	(bulletin, p.7)
† <i>Psalms 78:1-7</i> (Read responsively)	(bulletin, p.7)
New Testament: <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>	(bulletin, p.8)
Gospel Reading: <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>	(bulletin, p.8)
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Ashley Neil Smith
† Apostles' Creed (<i>People</i>)	
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.	
Benediction	
Closing Voluntary <i>Phoenix Processional</i>	Dan Locklair
Greeters: Jim & Eleanora Voelkel	Acolyte: Andrew Burgess
Reader: John Rowerdink	

Gospel Alphabet

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K – Knock and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7c

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L- Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!

Isaiah 45:22a

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 *Introduction and March*

William Walton

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Vickie C. Smith

Veteran's Day Slideshow

Call to Worship

† Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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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

First Lesson: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

(bulletin, p.7)

† *Psalm 78:1-7* (Read responsively)

(bulletin, p.7)

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

New Testament: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(bulletin, p.8)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

(bulletin, p.8)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn *What Gift Can We Bring*

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ashley Neil Smith

† 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.

Anthem *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Patrick Hawes

† 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.

† Closing Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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Benediction & Choral Response

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

Closing Voluntary *March for a Joyous Occasion*

Conrad Susa

Ushers: **Jack Wood**, Cam Cantelou, Russell Zumwalt

Altar: Janis Sholtis

Flower Delivery: Amy & Charlie

Reader: Larry Magruder

Total Attendance Sunday,
November 5: **348**

New Members
in 2023:
63



Last week 144 viewers tuned in to
our services

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,
Margret Carson Brown, Jon DeVault, Lillie Cashion

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.

Flower Dedication for Sunday, November 12



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Jack and Bev Raffaele in honor of all veterans, past and present.

The Hymn Board flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cam Cantelou in celebration of Janice's birthday.

The flowers on the Pedestal are given to the Glory of God with love from Paul and Margie Thompson in honor of Bob Blandford's 95th birthday.

We want to pray for you. 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.

November 19 Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30 • Psalm 123

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, ¹⁴ "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God." ¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you." ²¹ But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the Lord." ²² Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied. ²³ "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him." ²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Psalm 78:1-7

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.² Five of them were foolish and five were wise.³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'⁹ "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights Meets every Sunday in Heritage Hall at 3:00 p.m. except the first Sunday of each month.

Children's Sunday School We meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. except the first Sunday of each month.

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA is now an active part of TVC. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:45 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to assist with these ministries. All are welcome. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

The Bill Wetmore 9:30 Bible Study will meet in the office next to Pastor Ashley's office. We will continue our study of *Keeping the Christ in Christian* by the Rev. Greg Jones, Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. This is an easy-to-read series of short Bible based selections that could be studied in any order. We'd love for you to join us.

The Al Mangum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class Join us each Sunday, 10:45 a.m. at the Care Cottage (55 Community Rd – just down the street from the Chapel) 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.**

One Year Bible Reading On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Ashley leads a discussion on the One Year Bible. For those interested in participating, we read selected daily scripture readings - organized by date - and then discuss the readings when we meet. Our next meeting will be December 6 in Heritage Hall at 4:30 p.m. The readings for our next meeting are November 2 – December 6, and we will focus on the book of Hebrews. While not required for the class, you can order the One Year Bible by contacting the Chapel office 910-295-6003.

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, email **Ruth Holm at rholm141@gmail.com**.

Community Men's Bible Study meets each Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Care Cottage. We will be studying the book of Galatians and will use the study guide: "Galatians: The Wondrous Grace of God (MacArthur Bible Studies)", available for purchase on Amazon. Leaders for this Bible Study will be Eddie Sanderlin (Lessons 1-4), Charles Clack (Lessons 5-8), and Ken Dickson (9-12). Contact **Rich Cowell at cowellr@aol.com** for more information.

Seminary Lecture Series Join Pastor Ashley as we explore 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 will meet on the third Wednesday of each month in Chapel Hall from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next lecture is

Wednesday, November 15, and is entitled: "The First Cultural Context-Judaism". The class is 36 lectures in all and will meet throughout 2023-2024 when possible. There is no cost or registration required and all are welcome!

Book of Deuteronomy A study of the Book of Deuteronomy meets on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Care Cottage. The discussion will be led by Stan Bradshaw and follow the commentary by Warren Wiersbe, BE EQUIPPED. This may be found on Amazon, but the book is not required for the class. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Stan Bradshaw at Stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study *Amos – An Invitation to the Good Life*. In this 8-week bible study, learn how God's sovereign care prompts us to care for others – displaying true righteousness. Uncover the connection between the God life and the good life as we are invited to live assured, faithful, chosen, humble, justly, prayerful, and hopeful! Contact **Mary Wood at (412) 592-4353 or marywood232@gmail.com** to sign up and order your book. Class meets Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Care Cottage.

Monday Night Women's Discipleship Group will be going through "Beloved: A Journey of Prayer, a Taste of the Ignatian Exercises". You are invited to join us for this 7-week prayer experience to focus on God's love for you. Five days a week participants will be given invitations to encounter God's personal love for them through scripture meditations and/or prayer exercises. We will gather on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Care Cottage to share how our image and understanding of God and ourselves is being transformed by His love. Contact Melissa Jones at 910-639-5617 for more information.

Dealing with Difficult Problems This group meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Michele Miller in Pinewild. We will be using a video series by R.C. Sproul. Following the video, John Rowerdink will lead a discussion period. For more information, please contact **John Rowerdink at (910) 235-0644 or Bill Miller at (804) 241-8761**.

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

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

Women of the Chapel Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Care Cottage, 55 Community Rd. Pinehurst.

Cross Ties will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 11:45 a.m. at the Pine Crest Inn. All Women of the Chapel are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the lunch is \$20.00 including tax and tip (payable to the Pinecrest Inn day of luncheon). For reservations contact either **Janice Bezanson at 909-229-3028 or janicebezanson@gmail.com** or **Michele Miller at 804-647-5683 or miller.mlj107@gmail.com**. Reservations and/or cancellations must be received by Thursday, September 7. Cancellations or no shows received after the deadline will be responsible for the \$20.00 payable to The Village Chapel.

CARE OF THE CONGREGATION

Meal Ministry The Village Chapel has a ministry that 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**. We have a team of volunteers ready to serve. "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

OUTREACH

Life Care Pregnancy Center Diapers are being collected for the Life Care Pregnancy Center. A collection box is in the Atrium. All sizes are appreciated.

Sandhills Student Assistance is in need of non-perishable food donations such as Lance crackers, protein bars, fruit cups, juice pouches, breakfast bars, as well as individual microwaveable cups of noodles and mac & cheese.

Women of the Chapel Open House

Please join the Women of the Chapel for an open house to meet women from our Chapel while learning about events offered by The Village Chapel. It will be a wonderful opportunity in a casual setting to share experiences and discuss our journey of faith together. Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lyla Elliott 55 Page Road, Pinehurst - Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP if you will attend lylaelliott23@gmail.com or 910-773-0256.

Music Notes

This morning, our hymns are all centered around the topics of stewardship, mission, and unity. Highlighted by Jane Marshall's aptly titled poem (sung at our 11:00am service), *What Gift Can We Bring*, these hymns serve as a reminder of our responsibility to use the gifts we have been given to further the mission of this community of faith, as one body.

Jane Parker Huber's words in *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* heralds the idea that we serve not as one, but as many. This hymn is sung to the familiar tune BEECHER, commonly sung to the words *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.

May these hymns inspire us to find new ways to be faithful stewards of our gifts and God's word.

In a nod to our Veteran's Day recognition this morning, the choir offers a meditative setting of the well-known hymn, *Onward Christian Soldiers*. Taken from Patrick Hawes's *The Great War Symphony* commemorating the first World War, this excerpt presents the hymn in a unique form, with sustained chords in the organ accompanying the choir in a brief but expansive presentation of the melody.



Angel Tree

Thank you to all of you that have adopted a family or given a monetary donation for our Village Chapel Angel Tree Program. At this time, we are still in need of more sponsors as well as financial contributions. We are hoping to have our last 15 families adopted by Thanksgiving! Larger families can be broken down into smaller groups and shared amongst two or more Chapel families. Monetary donations are always welcome and needed as we buy food gift cards for each family and gifts for families not sponsored. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or in the box outside Heather's office. Please mark Angel Tree on the memo line. Families may be adopted before or after church on Sunday, 11/12 and Sunday, 11/19, or contact Faith Clay at faithclay@icloud.com or 248-765-7213. Thank you so much for supporting this truly worthwhile program.



"Behold the Lamb of God"

2023 Women of the Chapel Christmas Brunch

Thursday, December 7 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Forest Creek Clubhouse

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Registration forms are located in the Office and must be returned no later than December 1.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22

5:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 p.m.

This Week

Sunday – November 12

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Family Service with Children's Sermon	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	The Bill Wetmore Bible Study	Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children & Youth Sunday School	Heritage Hall
10:45 a.m.	The Al Mangum Adult Sunday School	Care Cottage
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Newman Room – H. Hall
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting	Heritage Hall

Monday – November 13

4:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	Board Room
6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (Women's)	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Women's Discipleship Group	Care Cottage

Tuesday – November 14

7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Board Room
9:30 a.m.	Women of the Chapel Steering Committee	Care Cottage
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Staff Conference Room
11:45 a.m.	Cross Ties	Pine Crest Inn
2:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	SAR Meeting	Chapel Hall

Wednesday – November 15

12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	
5:30 p.m.	Seminary Lecture Series	Chapel Hall

Thursday – November 16

8:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Care Cottage
10:00 a.m.	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Room
1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
2:30 p.m.	Book of Deuteronomy Bible Study	Care Cottage
3:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Community Men's Bible Study	Care Cottage
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

Friday – November 17

2:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
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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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