The Village Chapel

Pinehurst, North Carolina

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent
Invitation 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 worshiping, learning, and serving with you and your family, in the days to come.

10:00 A.M. INVITATION SERVICE

† *Congregation stands*

Opening Voluntary *Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139* Dieterich Buxtehude
Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Trey Majure
Lighting of the Advent Candle Wes, Anna, Wen, Rand, Philip, Bo The Smith Family
Unison Prayer

Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

† Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 154
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* Alfred Fedak
Children's Sermon Dr. Vickie Smith

Gospel Alphabet T*: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*. 1 John 1:7
There is no Children's Sunday School today. Worship bags are available in the Narthex.

Old Testament: *Isaiah 64:1-9* (bulletin, p.5)
† *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19* (Read responsively) (bulletin, p.5)
† 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 Corinthians 1:3-9* (bulletin, p.5)
Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:24-37* (bulletin, p.6)

Minister: The Lord be with You.
People: And with thy spirit.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *like a child* Daniel Charles Damon; S. Gourley, arr.
Sermon Dr. Ashley N. 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*.

Choral Anthem *O Savior of Our Fallen Race* Keith and Kristen Getty/Daniel Grassi, arr.

O Savior of our fallen race, o brightness of the Father's face, O Son who shared the Father's might before the world knew day or night. Remind us, Lord of Life and grace, how once, to save our fallen race, you put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary's son. O Jesus, very Light of Light, our constant star in sin's deep night: now hear the prayers your people pray through the world this holy day. Come Thou redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all. And we are jubilant today, for you have washed our guilt away. O hear the glad new song we sing on this the birth of Christ our King! O Savior of our fallen race, the world will see your radiant face; for you who came to us before will come again and all restore. Let songs of praise your name adorn, o Christ, Redeemer virgin-born, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. – Text reprinted under OneLicense.net A-724870

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.
M*inister*: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: We lift them to the Lord.
M*inister*: *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) Alfred Fedak

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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) Alfred Fedak

Holy Communion

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 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (see insert)
Benediction & Choral Response *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Eilers
Closing Voluntary *Fanfare-Processional* David Bednall

Ushers: **Cam Cantelou**, George Watterworth and Russell Zumwalt
Altar: Donna Brundage and Laura Lineberger
Acolytes: Levi and Kinsey Majure
Reader: Julie Poplin
Flower Delivery: Judi and Jack Wood
Guest Musician: Tatiana Wright, piano

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Ann Kallam, Andy Trepcyk, John Patota, Patsy Parkhill

Have a special prayer request? We want to pray for you. Please reach out to John Roberts at prayer@tvcpinehurst.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 prayer team.

Total Attendance Sunday, November 22:

477

New Members in 2025:

127

New Members in 2026:

94

YouTube

Last week 303 viewers tuned in to our services

If you or one of your family members are in the hospital, please let us know so we can provide you with pastoral care.

Flower Dedication for Sunday, November 29



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God today in honor of Mike and Ann Kallam's 55th wedding anniversary and their love of God and The Village Chapel.

The flowers at the hymn board are given to the Glory of God by John Rowerdink in memory of Kathy's birthday November 28.

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving the altar flowers, please email **Anne DeRosa at annederosa00@gmail.com** or **Jan Jeffress at jan23113@gmail.com**.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Janice Cantelou at atncrunner@gmail.com

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! [2] As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! [3] For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. [4] Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. [5] You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? [6] All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. [7] No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. [8] Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.
Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.
Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. [5] For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— [6] God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. [7] Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. [8] He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37 "But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; [25] the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' [26] "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27] And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. [28] "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. [29] Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. [32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. [34] It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. [35] "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. [36] If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. [37] What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

December 6 Scripture Readings • Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Peter 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8

Angel Tree

We are so excited that all our families have been sponsored, financial donations continue to come in, and it's getting close to time to bring in the gifts!

Gift Drop-off Days
Sunday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall
Monday, December 7, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall

Wrapping Days
Monday, December 7, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch provided!)
Tuesday, December 8, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Distribution Day at the Village Chapel
Saturday, December 12, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
All are welcome to join on this joyful day as we distribute the Angel Tree gifts to our sponsored families!

Any questions, contact **Faith Clay at faithclay@icloud.com or 248-765-7213**

Help Decorate the Chrismon Tree!

Monday, November 30, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to help adorn our tree with the beautiful symbols of Christ - Chrismons.

Please contact **Eleanora Voelkel at voelkelje@gmail.com** with any questions.

Emergency Preparedness Seminar

Being prepared for emergencies is extremely important for ourselves and our loved ones. Please join us for an open discussion on **Saturday, December 5**, at 11:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall. Jim Sanner will facilitate this meeting and share how to be prepared with food, water, and many other necessities. Experts who attend are welcome to share their knowledge as well. Contact **Nina Sanner at nprd4777@gmail.com** with any questions.

Singles Social Group

Our next luncheon will be at 1:30 p.m. (not a typo) on **Friday, December 18**, at The Carolina Hotel in The Carolina Vista Lounge. Please RSVP to **Tess Gillespie at Bellehelene55@gmail.com** or **(910) 603-3954**. Looking forward to seeing you.

MEN OF THE CHAPEL

Men's Fellowship Breakfast The next men's fellowship breakfast is on **Thursday, December 17**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the Pine Crest Inn. Coffee and fellowship are available at 6:45 a.m.! The cost is $20 per person. Please RSVP to **Jim Voekel at jimvoelkel74@gmail.com**.

WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

Book Club Our next meeting will be on **Friday, December 11**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The book will be *Wrapped Up in Christmas* by Janice Lynn. All ladies are welcome to join us. For details, please contact **Renee Cassidy at reneeacassidy@gmail.com**.

Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 3**, at 11:00 a.m. at Forest Creek Country Club. Contact **Betty Greer at bgreer1047@gmail.com or (803) 238-6613** with any questions.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights will not meet tonight.
Children's Sunday School There is no Children's Sunday School today. Nursery is available.
American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:45 p.m. in Heritage Hall. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 9**. For more information, please contact **Lindsey at putz.lindsey@gmail.com** or **Vickie Smith at vickie@tvcpinehurst.com**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

9:30 Adult Sunday School Class & The Al Mangum 10:45 Adult Sunday School Class will not meet today.
Defending Your Faith will meet on **Sunday, December 6**, at 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. For more information, please contact **Pastor Trey at trey@tvcpinehurst.com**.
Practicing the Way – SOS We will conclude our four-part Prayer practice on **Sunday, December 6.** Please contact **Julie Poplin at julie.poplin@gmail.com** for more information.
Practicing the Way is studying *The Prayer Practice*. We will hold our final meeting of this session on **Tuesday, December 8**. Please contact **Steve & Bonnie Wurzbacher at bonniewurzbacher@mac.com** for more information.
Seminary Lecture Series is led by Pastor Ashley and will meet in the back room of Chapel Hall on **Wednesday, December 16**, at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Phillip Cary, PhD's DVD lecture *Christian Reading* will be followed by discussion. Contact **Pastor Ashley at ashleyneilsmith@aol.com or (910) 992-8308** for details.
Thursday Faith & Fellowship Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, December 3**, at 2:30 p.m. in the choir room. Please contact **Stan Bradshaw at Stan@bradshawcapitalmgt.com** with questions or to be added to the email list for updates. All are welcome!
Community Men's Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, December 3**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. **Daniel Cannon** and **Pastor Greg** will lead us in the study of the Epistle to the Romans.
Conversations of Faith & Theology will meet on **Friday, December 4**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Please contact **Pastor Greg at** (**850) 549-7806** for details.

OUTREACH

Place of Grace Bedding Drive Blankets, pillows and Twin XL sheets are needed. Place your donations labeled "Place of Grace" on the table outside Chapel Hall through **Monday, December 14**.
Holiday Food Drive Help us feed The CARE Group families this holiday season. Collection boxes are in the Narthex and the Atrium through **Thursday, December 10**. Please no glass jars or perishable food items.
Toys for Tots We are collecting toys for the 2026 Moore County Toys for Tots Campaign. Please donate toys suitable for ages 9-15. The donation box is located in the atrium. Monetary donations are always needed and can be made online at **https://bit.ly/4C8rKZq**

This Week

	Sunday – November 29	
10:00 a.m.	*Invitation Sunday Service*	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Reception Honoring Pastor Trey & Family	Heritage Hall
	Monday – November 30	
9:30 a.m.	Chrismon Tree Decorating	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline	Church Office
6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Meeting	Conference Room
	Tuesday – December 1	
7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Group	Board Room
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Staff Conference Room
	Wednesday – December 2	
6:30 p.m.	*Hanging of the Greens Service*	Sanctuary
	Thursday – December 3	
11:00 a.m.	Women of the Chapel Christmas Luncheon	Forest Creek Country Club
2:30 p.m.	Faith & Fellowship Bible Study	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Men's Community Bible Study	Care Cottage
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Friday – December 4	
5:00 p.m.	Conversations of Faith & Theology	Conference Room
	Saturday – December 5	
11:00 a.m.	Emergency Preparedness Seminar	Heritage Hall

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