

Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2014

Call to Worship "Church in the Wildwood" Pitts

(Please use this quiet time to sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.

The Children's Message (10:30 am) Rev. Walker

Voluntary "Ave Maria" Schubert
Avery Pingpank and Janet Larsen

Invocation Rev. V. Lamar Helms

The Lighting of the Advent Candles
Chris and Maggie Zerkus, 9:00 am
The Sue Leonard Family, 10:30 am

* Hymn 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Walker

Offertory "Coventry Carol" arr. Dom Gregory Murray
Bella Voce, soloist, Lily Kenner

* Doxology OLD 100TH

* Offertory Prayer Rev. Walker

* Hymn 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN ROS

* Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-18
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Good News Gift Of Emmanuel" Rev. Walker

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Invitation

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We
have not done your will, we have broken your law, we
have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves, and we have not heard the cry
of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful
obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's
love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving (The Hymnal, pp. 13-14)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our tres-
passes, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Giving the Bread and the Cup

* Hymn 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" MCGEE

* Benediction Rev. Walker

* Benediction Response (p. 211, refrain) VENI EMMANUEL
"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

* Postlude "Noel Fanfares" Charles Callahan

* Please stand, if you are able.



*You Are Cordially Invited to
The 2014 Christmas Season Celebrations
of Big Canoe Chapel*

*The Worship Celebration of the Christmas Season
Sunday Mornings, December 7, 14, 21
9:00 am and 10:30 am*

*A Service of Lessons and Lullabies
Sunday Evening, December 14, 7:00 pm*

*Worship on Christmas Eve
Family and Children Celebration, 5:00 pm
A Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm
Candlelight Communion Celebration, 10:00 pm*

*A Moravian Lovefeast
Sunday, December 28, 10:30 am
Joint service in the Broyles Center (no 9:00 am service)*

Congratulations

...to Paul Schmidt for celebrating his second year
anniversary with the Chapel on December 3rd.



The heartbeat of
the community

The Celebration of Communion December 7, 2014

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight."*

Isaiah 40:3

Rev. R. Len Walker, Jr.
Senior Chaplain

Rev. V. Lamar Helms
Associate Chaplain,
Director of Music

Teri Sawyer
Director of Children, Youth
and Family Ministries

James Garner
Chapel Organist

Jack Loudon
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From the Senior Chaplain

During Advent I have decided to focus on what I call, “The Christmas Good News Gifts.” Last Sunday we looked at the Good News Gift of Light. Light is a prominent image and symbol during the month of December. Lights are everywhere! Then we were all reminded that Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” In the absence of the light of Jesus we are thrown into chaos, confusion, and despair. The Bible connects light and life. Christ brings both and we rejoice in this life-changing “Good News Gift.”

This morning we turn our attention to The Good News Gift of Emmanuel. As you recall, Emmanuel means, “God with us.” This gift of the Incarnation brings us to the place of intimacy and accessibility to Jesus. Today, this Good News Gift is powerfully experienced in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I hope you will be aware of God’s revelation of love and grace as we remember the sacrifice He made for us. What a gift!

Next Sunday we will look at the Good News Gift of Joy and conclude on the 4th Sunday of Advent with the Good News Gift of Peace. Light, Emmanuel, Joy, and Peace. All of them wrapped up in a baby born 2000 years ago. And today? The Savior reigning over heaven and earth and coming again in power and majesty. Good News!

Gifted by His love and grace,

Len

After over eighteen years of service with Big Canoe Chapel our Associate Chaplain, Lamar Helms, will be taking a Sabbatical Leave during the month of January to attend a retreat and Pastoral Care course at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. This leave is in accordance with our personnel policy and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Welcome!

Big Canoe Chapel is a multi-denominational congregation united in our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. The Chapel gladly welcomes anyone desiring to become a regular, associate, or fellowship member. Please fill out a membership information card found in the pew card holder and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The pastor will call this week and schedule a time to meet and answer any questions regarding chapel membership.

Please note:

- Hearing devices are available from an usher.
- The Nursery is available downstairs during the 9:00 & 10:30 am services.
- Remember to turn your cell phones back on at the end of the service!

Today at the Chapel

8:30 AM	Prayer with Senior Chaplain-Chapel 109
8:45 AM	Fellowship Class Coffee-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Fellowship SS Class-McCormick Hall
9:00 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
10:00 AM	Chapel Stand-Around-Cousins Hall
10:30 AM	Seekers SS Class-McCormick Hall
10:30 AM	Grace Walk SS Class-Broyles 102
10:30 AM	Youth Breakfast Club-Teen Room
10:30 AM	Children K-5-Chapel 107
10:30 AM	Children 3’s & 4’s-Chapel 106
10:30 AM	Nursery-Chapel 101
10:30 AM	Worship Service-Chapel
3:30 PM	Gingerbread House Decorating Party-Cousins Hall

Serving Today at the Chapel...

9:00 AM

Ushers: Nancy Popp
James and Phyllis Moore
Jeanann Kibler

Communion Servers:

Jud and Lassie Dye

Greeters:

Pat Girdler
Linda Lee Gordon

Cart Driver:

Dick Girdler

Stand-Around:

Phil and Nancy White
David and Peggy Howe

Worship Steward:

Charley Vick

Acolytes:

Will Dodson

Audiovisual Technician:

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This Week at the Chapel

Mon. 12/8	Board of Trustees Meeting-Board Room	2:00PM
Mon. 12/8	Cemetery Committee-McCormick Hall	3:00PM
Mon. 12/8	Chapel Bells Rehearsal-Cousins Hall	4:30PM
Mon. 12/8	Griefshare-Room 107	5:00PM
Tues. 12/9	Guild Meeting-Board Room	8:30AM
Tues. 12/9	Bella Voce -McCormick Hall	9:00AM
Tues. 12/9	Finance Committee Meeting-Board Room	2:00PM
Tues. 12/9	Technology Meeting-Room 107	3:00PM
Tues. 12/9	Mountain Ringers Rehearsal-Cousins Hall	4:30PM
Wed. 12/10	Creative Stitchery-Room 101	1:00PM
Wed. 12/10	Property Committee-Room 107	3:00PM
Wed. 12/10	Stephen Ministry-Room 102	7:00PM
Thurs. 12/11	Men’s Journey Group -Room 101	8:00AM
Thurs. 12/11	Women’s Guild Luncheon -Cousins Hall	10:00AM
Thurs. 12/11	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
Sat. 12/13	AA Meeting-Teen Room	9:00AM
Sat. 12/13	Chapel Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
Sun. 12/14	Blood Pressure Screening	10:00AM
Sun. 12/14	Fellowship Sunday School Luncheon	11:45AM
Sun. 12/14	A Service of Lessons and Lullabies-Chapel	7:00PM

2014 Christmas Card

The annual tradition of the Big Canoe Chapel Christmas card continues. Chapel member Lassie Dye took the photograph featured on the 2014 card. Cards are being sold in the Chapel office during the week and at Stand-Around on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$10 for a pack of 20. Thank you, Lassie, for allowing the Chapel to use your beautiful photo.

Chapel Announcements

Please celebrate with the Big Canoe Chapel Women’s Guild on Thursday, December 11th at 10:00 am in the Chapel for our Christmas program, “White Christmas.” This year’s concert features our own Teri Sawyer along with two sought-after vocalists from the Atlanta Opera, soprano Megan Mashburn and tenor John Young. The trio is sure to bring a smile and stir the spirit as they present the best-loved melodies of the season. The Christmas luncheon, catered by Flavours and complete with a lavish dessert centerpiece, will be served in the Broyles Center immediately following the program. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available at Chapel Stand Around this Sunday.

Griefshare-Christmas is a time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, listen to beautiful music, surround ourselves with family and good food. It can also be a sad time for those who have had losses and are feeling depressed and lonely. Griefshare will have a special two hour DVD on “How To Survive The Holidays.” We will meet on December 15th, downstairs in the Broyles Center, from 5pm to 7pm. You will find support from others who are feeling as you are, as you approach the days ahead. Hope to see you there. Contact Sandra Hintze (706.579.2248).

Dinner for 8-It is that time again...to join a new group to share dinner, fun times and great conversation! This is a great way to meet new friends and enjoy an evening together. Even if you have been in Big Canoe a long time or just got here, this is a great way to meet new people or get to know friends better. Dinner for 8 groups will begin again in January and go through April. If you would like to join a new group, please call Susan Willson at (706.579.2640) or email at eliz8190@yahoo.com with your names, phone number and email address. There will only be two opportunities during Stand-Around to sign up...December 7th and 14th...so give her a call if these dates don’t fit your schedule!

Sympathy

The Chapel family extends its sympathy to Bob and Susanne Newell, for the loss of Susanne’s mother, Eleanor Sparkman.

Thank you

Dear Big Canoe Chapel family, thank you so much for your prayers, cards and calls during my recent surgery.

David Owen

Welcome

...to Big Canoe Chapel, new regular members, Bill and Susan Shelnutt, Annie and Will, age 5. Bill and Susan and family live at 59 Woodstream Point, Big Canoe.

Chapel Member Prayer List

Chapel Christmas Blessing Program: Pray for all families that they might experience the light of Christ at Christmas.

At Home: Phyllis Deane, Jobeth Yarbrough, Frank Garner, Lea Brueckner (daughter of Pat and Lynda Bodelson), Ed Delaney, Dan Guidice, Kathy Brigman, Bryllie Lundy (granddaughter of Kay and Wayne Page), John Rutledge, (son-in-law of Jeff and Sandy Downing), Waymon Moore, Herb Belins, Diane Packard, Arliss Brigman, Jean Gray (Leslie Grogan’s mother).

Hospice Care: Dawn Bevis, Spartanburg, SC.

In Assisted Care: **Betty Laughlin**, Arbor Terraces, Decatur; **Martha Adkins**, Gold City Personal Care, Dahlonga; **Bill Almand**, The Veranda, Roswell; **Jean Payne**, Grandview, Jasper; **Chalmas Holmes**, Sonshine Manor Personal Care, Jasper; **Richard Krajec**, Rock Creek Manor, Jasper; **Margie Hunter**, Chambrel, Roswell; **Ben Johnson**, Mt. Vernon Village, 475 Mt. Vernon Rd., A201, Sandy Springs, GA 30338; **Dot Bourke**, Dogwood Forest Asst. Living Comm., Gainesville; **Frances Smith**, Hallmark at Phipps, Atlanta; **Fred Hill**, 762 N. Main St., Alpharetta, GA 30004; **Mike Giles**, Emeritus at Riverstone, 125 Riverstone Terrace, Canton, GA 30114; **M. J. Davis**, The Oaks @ Hampton, 5610 Hampton Park Dr., Cumming, GA 30041; **Ange and Charlotte Robbe**, Mount Vernon Towers, 300 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Unit A411, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.