

Welcome

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
piercechapel.com

The Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Callahan
Chapel Chimes

The Welcome, Attendance Registration, and Announcements

*The Statement of Mission and Faith

Leader: What is the mission of Pierce Chapel?

People: The mission of Pierce Chapel is to develop mature disciples who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Leader: What do you believe?

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

*The Hymn of Praise

"Grace Alone"

No. 2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. (Refrain)

"I Love You, Lord"

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O, my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. (Repeat)

The Lenten Candle Service (see ivory insert)

The Musical Word

"The Cross Says Come"

Kirkland

The Children's Sermon

(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across the hall in Room 315, and children in 1st-4th grades will remain in the adult worship service.)

The Morning Prayer

*The Greeting

*The Hymn of Preparation

"You Are Mine"

No. 2218

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

(Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live!

(Refrain)

*The Offertory Prayer

(8:30) Rick Rouse (11:00) Elena Graves

The Offertory

The Written Word

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Spoken Word

The Service of Holy Communion (see insert)

(Offerings left on the communion rail today will go to the U.M.C.O.R. Offering.)

(Children 1st grade and up will remain in the service today for Holy Communion. It is up to you and your child whether you would like for them to participate in Communion with you, but please know that it is our practice to invite everyone to participate, regardless of age or depth of understanding.)

*The Hymn of Commitment

"O How He Loves You & Me"

No. 2108

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!

He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;

O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go; His love for sinners to show.

What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you;

O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

*The Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.



Please write your prayer request below
so we may join with you in prayer.

Prayer Request

Prayer for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone # _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today
or in the locked box at the Welcome Center.
Your request will be communicated promptly to our 15-member Prayer Team.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER RESERVATION FORM

For Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Study led by Howard

Menu: Fried or rotisserie chicken, hash brown casserole,
green beans, salad, rolls, dessert

Children's menu: Fried or rotisserie chicken with mac & cheese

Reservations/cancellations due by 12:00 noon Monday.

To make or cancel reservations, use this form or contact Katie Ingram
(katie@piercechapel.com or 706-327-9807, ext. 1).

First & last names of all those coming with you for supper: _____

adults for fried chicken _____ # adults for rotisserie chicken _____

ages 5-12 for fried _____ # ages 5-12 for rotisserie _____

age 4 & under for fried _____

Note: \$1.00 charge added per family for clean-up helpers

Cost: \$6 adults & youth \$3.50 age 5-12 No charge age 4 & under

Family Maximum \$21.00 [parent(s) & children still living at home]

DECISION CARD

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I am willing to be a missionary by shifting from the 11:00 service to the 8:30 service, in order to make room for more guests at 11:00.

I would like to:

- Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.
- Talk with the pastor.
- Be baptized.
- Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____

PIERCE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Minister of Discipleship
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Justin Daniel	Tweenager Intern
Katie Ingram	Nursery Director/Caregiver
Kiddy Seifu	Nursery Caregiver
Lisa Courtney	Custodian
Steven McKenzie	Interim Set-Up Custodian
Jarod Ingram	Security

OUR UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION

Dr. Buddy Cooper	District Superintendent
Bishop Lawson Bryan	South Georgia Bishop

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2017

<u>Attendance</u>	Sunday School: 190	Sunday Night:
	8:30 Worship: 171	Youth: 37 + 4 adults + 4 supper helpers
	11:00 Worship: 219	Tweenagers: 7 + 2 adults
	Total in both services: 390	

<u>Offering</u>	Generously Given	\$14,118.09
	Generously Given to Date	\$183,304.90
	Budgeted to Date for Ministry	\$207,339.55
	Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date	\$9,218.59
	Our House Methodist Children's Home (Sunday School Offering)	\$119.52
	UMCOR Giving	\$125.00
	Building by Faith	\$1,901.00
	Building by Faith Loan Principal	\$1,069,533.00
	Targeted Monthly Payment	\$13,527.00
	Building by Faith Month-to-Date Generously Given	\$9,486.74
	Building by Faith Month-to-Date Shortage/Overage	(\$4,040.26)
	Gifts were given to Building by Faith in memory of:	
	— Michael Weeks by Pierce Chapel and Kathleen Mason.	
	— June Bone by Marcia English	
	— James Bradshaw by the MacDougalls' Community Group.	

OUR CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 2	
8:30 AM	*Worship in the Worship Center
9:30 AM	*Coffee and Fellowship in the Hospitality Room
9:30-9:50 AM	Honduras Water Team Info Meeting in Room 206
9:45 AM	*Sunday School
11:00 AM	*Worship in the Worship Center
12:00 Noon	Honduras Water Team Info Meeting in Room 206
2:00-3:00 PM	Teen Advisors in Chapel
3:00-4:15 PM	K.L.I.C. (Kids Living In Christ) Glow Party in Worship Center
4:30-5:30 PM	Children's Choirs in Worship Center
4:30-5:30 PM	His Image (7 th -12 th grades Worship Arts) in Room 302
5:30-7:00 PM	W.O.W. (Women of the Word) in Room 305
5:30-7:30 PM	Youth (7 th -12 th grades) & Tweenagers (5 th -6 th grades) supper/meetings
6:00-7:15 PM	Men's Fellowship Bible Study in Room 216
Monday, April 3	
9:15-10:45 AM	W.O.W. (Women of the Word) in Youth Barn
6:30 PM	Adult Handbells in Room 108
7:00-8:15 PM	Mary/Martha Women's Group in home of Barbara Rouse
Tuesday, April 4	
9:00-10:30 AM	Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
10:00-11:30 AM	Restored Lenten Study in home of Sara Bankhead
6:30-8:00 PM	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts throughout church
7:00 PM	Tabitha's Heart in home of Tina Armistead
Wednesday, April 5	
5:00-5:30 PM	Chapel Chimes (5th-7th grades) in Room 108
5:30-6:15 PM	*Supper line open
5:40-6:10 PM	*Handbells (8th grade & up) in Room 108
6:15-7:15 PM	*Bible Buddies (3 years-6th grade), Youth Meeting & Adult Program
7:30-8:30 PM	*Choir Rehearsal in Room 302
Thursday, April 6	
9:00-10:30 AM	Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
11:30 AM	Happy Achers sack lunch and games in Hospitality Room
6:00 PM	N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Room 216
Saturday, April 8	
9:00-10:30 AM	Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
9:00 AM-4:00 PM	VBS Decorating Team in Hospitality Room

*Indicates loving childcare provided for infant to 36 months.

Church Office 706-327-9807 Fax 706-327-7253 Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6

E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com



Pierce chapel

open hearts • open minds • open doors



Developing mature disciples
who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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,
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.**

Leader to people:

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Palm Sunday - Next Sunday, April 9

Palm Processional of Children at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

All children are invited to participate in the palm-branch processional at the beginning of the worship services. Children should meet by the old kitchen prior to worship. Our Children's Choirs will be singing during both services!

The flowers in the Worship Center are given by Pam Myers in memory of Tom Myers.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the audio-visual booth at the back of the worship center.

A "cry room" with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment. We welcome you to take advantage of this wonderful space!

To Our Guests

Thank you for worshiping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here. We invite you to stop by our cabinets in the hallway where you'll find information we hope will be helpful to you. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.



Children's Church Worship Theme:

Jesus has power over death.

John 11:1-45: Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

Lenten Candle Liturgy

During Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each Sunday. During Lent, as we prepare for Good Friday, we extinguish a candle each Sunday. This reminds us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death.

Week Five: From Death to Life

Leader: We live in a world tormented by the ravages of sin. We are assaulted daily by evidences of death, decay, and destruction. We know God offers us His life, yet so often we are content to settle for less. We want to live life on our terms and, in so doing, we miss out on the abundant life that He offers.

Leader: As we extinguish this candle we pray for open hearts and minds to grasp the full measure of new life in Christ. Help us to see beyond our circumstances, to see beyond the here and now, indeed, to see beyond the grave.

Congregational Prayer:

Loving Creator and Sustainer of all life, transform our lives by the work of your Holy Spirit. Enable us to live each day as though we have been raised to new life in Christ. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Prayer pagers show others God loves them and cares for them as they're going through a difficult experience. The encouragement & comfort given as they beep & vibrate is immeasurable. Please take time to prayer page today and/or in the coming week.

Prayer Pagers: Kathy Davis 706-683-7728

Laura Gardner 706-683-1576

Teresa O'Donnell 706-683-1547

Christie Warren 706-683-1590

Carolyn Billings 706-683-7680

Will Duke 706-683-6630

Linda Todd 706-683-7765

Instructions: 1. Pray for the individual. 2. Dial the phone # beside the name. 3. When prompted, press 111#. 4. After you hear, "Thank you for calling," hang up. They will receive the prayer page within minutes. *Questions? Contact Prayer Team Leader Yvonne Proft (proft@bellsouth.net).*

2017 Graduating High School Seniors

Please send your high school graduate's information to the church office **by April 15** to be included on our senior display board in May. Email the graduate's name, high school, college they plan to attend and intended major (if known) to katie@piercechapel.com. We also need a 5x7 print of your graduate. For more information, email localmissions@piercechapel.com or see the brochures at the Welcome Center.



GLOW Party! Kids Living in Christ

All 3rd & 4th graders are invited to a Glow Party today, April 2, 3:00-4:15 p.m.! Join us for some glow-in-the-dark fun and games while we learn how we can be the light in the world! Friends are welcome. RSVP to roseanna@piercechapel.com.

Pierce Chapel's Day of Service

Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

IN FAMILY SERVING: _____ # IN CHILDCARE: _____

AGES OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDCARE: _____

Please indicate FIRST and SECOND preferences.

_____ **Card making ministry-handmade cards:** Make pre-planned designs for our military, senior citizens and our Pierce Chapel card ministry stock.

Location: Pierce Chapel Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon Ages: 12+

_____ **Cooking ministry:** Cook pre-planned meals or be on the team that delivers them to our members who are dealing with illness, grief or difficult times.

Location: Pierce Chapel Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon All ages

_____ **Fox Elementary grounds clean up:** Do basic yard work and possibly plant a flower bed.

Location: Fox Elementary Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon All ages

_____ **International Friendship Ministry lunch:** Provide and serve lunch to 60-75 people (including children) for IFM's semi-annual retreat. No age restriction.

Location: Uchee Creek Recreational Facilities Time: approx. 10:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.

_____ **General yard work:** Mowing lawns, weeding flower beds, trimming hedges, planting flowers, laying pine straw, etc. for Pierce Chapel senior adult members.

Location: To be determined Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon All ages

_____ **Yard sale donation pick-up:** Pick up yard sale donation items for the youth yard sale scheduled for April 29. If you have items to donate, please contact Michelle Crawford (contact info below).

_____ **VBS decorating:** Help create VBS decorations for 2017 Vacation Bible School! This will be especially great for creative minds and older children/youth.

Location: Pierce Chapel Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon All ages

Things to be aware of for this day:

- Loving childcare will be provided from 8:45 to 12:30 p.m., by reservation. To reserve a spot for your child email katie@piercechapel.com or call 706-327-9807.
- We encourage all members of our congregation to participate and have tried to provide a variety of projects that will appeal to all and allow each person to participate. This is a day to serve our community in the name of Christ.
- There will be contingency plans for bad weather, so rain or shine, we will serve.
- Wear your Pierce Chapel Missions T-shirts if you have one!

We will accept volunteer sign-ups through Wednesday, April 19.

For more details or questions, please contact
localmissions@piercechapel.com or call 706-580-8681.



Pierce Chapel will host a pilot Connection Recovery Group Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month starting April 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for adults living with mental illness. By sharing your experiences in a safe and confidential setting, you gain hope and develop relationships. The group encourages empathy, productive positive discussion and a sense of community.

If this information does not pertain to you, please pass it on to someone it could benefit. If you have any questions contact Teresa O'Donnell at 706-289-7703 or Stephen Akinduro at 706-315-0966.

VBS Decorating Team

Interested in helping to design and build decorations for VBS this year? If you have carpentry, engineering or artistic skills (or just a willingness to be a worker bee!) come share your talents with this team as we transform our church into a WHIMSICAL FUN FACTORY! Our stunning decorations, combined with enthusiastic volunteers, are what makes our VBS so memorable and makes kids want to come back year after year to experience another exciting week! Join us to learn how you can help create decorations that will be enjoyed by HUNDREDS of kids this summer! Contact Julie McCoy at julmccy@gmail.com for more information.



Candy Donations For Easter Egg Hunt



Easter's on its way! Donations of individually wrapped candy or small toys are needed for the egg hunt which will take place on Sunday, April 9. Donations are needed **by Wednesday, April 5** & may be placed in the donation box across from the Welcome Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the Egg Hunt, please place it in the offering plate and earmark it "egg hunt candy." Thank you for your help in making the Easter Egg Hunt a success and blessing to families!

SonPower Hot Dog Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us next Sunday, April 9, for crafts, story time, photo booth (with a bunny!), live bunnies, and an egg hunt! The hot dog lunch (by donation, as a fundraiser for our SonPower Team) is 12:15-12:45 p.m. Please RSVP for the lunch by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate or by emailing katie@piercechapel.com. The egg hunt and festivities (for kids 4th grade & under) will begin at 12:45. All are welcome! Bring your basket, and we hope to see you there!

Names _____

How many adults & youth (5th grade & up) plan to eat? _____

How many children (4th grade & under) plan to eat? _____

New WOW (Women of the Word):

“Becoming Heart Sisters: A Bible Study on Authentic Friendships”

In this six-week DVD Bible study, author Natalie Chambers Snapp teaches you how to develop and nurture the kind of enriching and satisfying friendships that build up the body of Christ and bring honor to God. Includes five daily lessons for each week combining study of Scripture with personal reflection, application, and prayer.

Please join women of all ages and stages for this new study. The Sunday evening study began, March 26, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in room 305 and is led by Melissa Herndon. Monday WOW began, March 27, 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Barn and is led by Kim Stanley-Heim and Becky Castellow. Study guides will be available for purchase through Pierce Chapel for \$12. Nursery will be available upon request. For more information or to request childcare, you may contact Melissa Herndon at msh.blessed@gmail.com or 706-888-0084 or Kim Stanley Heim at kdstanley@gmail.com or 865-771-1169.

YOUTH NEWS (7th -12th grades)

Regular Youth Supper/Meeting: (7th-12th grades) 5:30-7:30 tonight in the Youth Barn. Bring a friend! Sunday supper is \$2 per person (adults, tweens & youth). We meet in the Hospitality Room for supper at 5:30 then transition to the Barn for hangout time until 6:15. From 6:15 to 7:30 we worship together and have a lesson which includes experiential learning, student leaders, videos, and games.

Wednesday Night Supper is back! It's at 5:30 with the whole church in the worship center. We gather in the Youth Barn at 6:00 p.m. for prayer and a devotion.

Souled Out Summer is coming! Our annual Souled Out Summer youth camp is Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, FL. Souled Out is full of inspired teaching, powerful worship, sharing time for students, group time for Pierce Chapel, and lots of free time for the beach, pool and organized recreation. Souled Out is open to students finishing 6th grade through students finishing 12th grade. Cost is \$310/student (see fundraising and scholarship info below) and covers almost all expenses including: transportation, speakers, the worship band, organized recreation, t-shirt, great food, and 5 nights lodging.

Yard Sale Fundraiser Students can earn money for their youth account by participating in the upcoming yard sale fundraiser on April 29. Students can work leading up to the sale, the night before the sale, or the day of the sale itself. Last year, each student earned \$100 for their account. Contact Nathan to sign up!

Scholarships All families and students are eligible to request a scholarship to help offset the cost of Souled Out. If a scholarship may be helpful for your family please contact Nathan.

Questions or concerns? Contact Nathan Carr at 706-464-7548.

Join us the first Tuesday of every month for: First Tuesday Bible Study

Date: This Tuesday, April 4

Place: In the home of Susan Wooldridge (5451 Pierce Chapel Road)

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Information: Contact Elaine McKenzie at 706-561-2004 or mckenzie3200@hotmail.com.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Order Deadline is Sunday, April 9

To have one or more lilies placed in the Worship Center on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of someone, complete this form and place it in the offering plate with your payment. Plants are \$12.00 each. *Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC, and earmark "lilies."* Lilies may be taken home or to a shut-in after the 11:00 Easter service (please check your preference below). Names of those honored or memorialized will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

*(Please **PRINT CLEARLY** all names **EXACTLY** as you wish them listed.)*

Given in honor of _____

Given in memory of _____

Given by _____

of plants ordered _____ amount paid _____ cash _____ check # _____

I'll pick up plants after the 11:00 Easter service _____ Please take to a shut-in _____

SAVE YOUR STUFF! For our Youth-Sponsored Yard Sale

Saturday, April 29, 6:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

"Mobile Attics" are now available! We have two Mobile Attics located in the back of the west parking lot. Please collect your junk/treasures and bring them in boxes if possible to the left Mobile Attic. The key to that Mobile Attic will be in the black mailbox at the back door of the church office. Come anytime, day or night, get the key, deposit your treasures, and then return the key to the black mailbox for the next person to use. Questions or problems? Contact Nathan at 706-464-7548 or nathan@piercechapel.com.

Pray about whether God is calling you to serve on the Honduras Clean Water Mission Team September 1-8, 2017

Installing water filters in the homes of Honduran families

To learn more, join us at one of these two brief

INFO MEETINGS today:

9:30-9:50 a.m. in the Chapel OR 12:00 noon in Room 206

Questions? Contact Steve Philips at 706-718-7093 or stevep5@cs.com.

UMCOR Sunday

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is the humanitarian arm of the UMC. UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) is an annual offering that supports UMCOR so that it may respond immediately and effectively to emergencies around the world. Because UMCOR Sunday covers UMCOR's administrative costs, 100% of gifts designated for specific projects is used for those projects (like tornado relief, hurricane relief, flood relief, etc.). Join United Methodists everywhere in giving to this special offering by using the envelope provided or leaving your offering on the communion rail. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark them "UMCOR."

