Sermon Notes

'The Christ Who Saves, <u>Lives</u>, Reigns ...' Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-28:10 (#2 of 3 sermons)

Last Sunday: 'The Lord Who Saves', Christ's Atoning Death
From the triumphal entry thru His death and burial: Christ's plan and what we
learn from His fulfillment of it in His commitment, compassion, agonizing cry,
and completion of obedience to His and His Father's plan

Today: 'The Lord Who Lives', Christ's Bodily Resurrection!

* The impossible truth?!

- * The truth witnessed ...
- * The truth matters ...
- * The truth brings hope ...
- * The truth compels testimony ...

Next Sunday, Sunday, 4-8, 'The Lord Who Reigns' Christ's Ascension, Seating, Promised Return

Weekly or Monthly Reminders

<u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>. Happy birthday to Joe Collins and Craig Simon. (If we missed your special day please let us know!)

<u>'TableTalk'</u> devotional magazine for April is on the front and back hall tables. There is also a special issue of TT remembering and c3lebrating the life of Dr. R.C. Sproul.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: If you wish to have flowers placed in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday (birthday, anniversary, memory of loved one, etc.) please see or call Merle at 670-5733.

Financial snapshot: January-March 2018 (1st quarter)

Budget (3 months) \$35,562 Actual expenses \$29,862 Actual income \$29,163

Actual + or - = -\$699 (expenses to income)

Carteret Church Plant: \$2,400 (\$800 month - separate gift)

When you have questions, concerns, or need assistance please call one of the elders or deacons:

Elders: Norm Evans (pastor) 671-7012 or 638-8259

Rick Robinson 637-2538 Joe Collins 617-0034 Leland Nichols 269-0304 Brad Clark 514-5811

Deacons: Craig Simon 514-6952

Bob Seabury 636-0189 Aldo Bassignani 637-3043 Mike Blaylock 671-1242 Bob Cusick 631-1046

Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

Bulletin for Sunday, April 1 and for the week of April 1-7, 2018

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America focused on worshiping God, caring for one another, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men.

908 Madam Moores Lane, New Bern, NC 28560 Reverend R. Norman Evans, Pastor (252) 631-5015 office, or 671-7012 cell

Sunday Morning Worship of the Lord our God

Preparing for worship in silent prayer as the music begins
Announcements and welcome 10:30 am

The Call to Worship

Matthew 27:57-28:10

*Singing of Praise to the Lord Our God

'Christ the Lord is Risen Today ...' Trinity #277
'Glorious Day ...' Insert

Profession of our Faith WCF Chapter 8, #4, Trinity p. 853

Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Pardon

Giving of the Tithe and Offering

*Doxology

Trinity #731

"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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving, Supplication, & 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 debts as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Preparation for God's Word Proclaimed

Introduction to the text and sermon
Singing: 'Up from the Grave He Arose...'

Trinity #276
Prayer for Understanding

The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 27:57-28:10

The Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Evans

'The Christ Who Saves, Lives, and Reigns ...' (See 'Sermon Notes')

Observance of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Response

'Worship Christ, the Risen King ...' Trinity #286

*Serving the Lord as We Depart ... and the Benediction

*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.

* Standing if able

If you are visiting *Village Chapel Presbyterian Church* today we welcome you. It is our great joy each Sunday to worship the Lord our God together and during the week to serve Him individually and in various activities and ministries together. We invite you to join with us in other worship, fellowship, and ministry opportunities listed in the bulletin. Please feel free to call if we may answer any questions you may have or be of help to you in any way.

The Village Chapel Calendar

This Week:

Sunday: 9:3

9:30 am Sunday School classes

10:30 am Announcements / Morning Worship (Nursery provided for children under 6) 12:10 pm Lunch in the fellowship hall

Tuesday: 10:30 am Ladies Bible study in the parlor

5:00 pm Fellowship with the Blisses at the Clarks

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Worship in the sanctuary, continuing in John 13.

Looking ahead in April:

* 3rd Wednesday (18th) supper and mission's focus will be through a personal testimony by Meredith Clark as she has been working as a volunteer at EPIC here in New Bern.

Announcements

Please welcome Lucy Stutts as our newest member of Village Chapel! Lucy grew up in Havelock and now lives at the Croatan Village. She wants to wait until her brother, Scott, and his family can be with us so she can stand before the congregation giving answer publicly to the 5 questions we ask of new members. Welcome Lucy!

New on the bulletin board: Information on RUF ministries at Duke, NC State, ECU, and UNCW, and the monthly prayer requests from the Gildards in Toulouse, France.

Dr. R. C. Sproul is now home with the Lord he has loved and served through Ligonier ministries for decades. He referred to his homegoing as 'changing my address for the final, eternal time'. A special issue of 'TableTalk', on the hall table, remembers and celebrates his life. Please pick up a copy as you leave today.

Continually In Prayer:

In the praise of God for Who He is:

* Gracious, Compassionate, Forgiving through Christ

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In thanks to God for His abundant provision in life:

* Eternal life through the risen Christ ...

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In confession of our sins, seeking God's forgiveness and the power of His Spirit in us for repentance:

* Complacency instead of commitment to Christ and His work ...

For One Another:

- * Several who are ill, those seeking growth in Christ,
- * One looking into the future regarding employment, ...

For Ministries In the Work of Christ

This week we ask you to pray for the PCA churches in our presbytery across Eastern NC. The Eastern Carolina Presbytery (ECP) extends from Durham to Wilmington with 24 churches and church plants, 62 ministers (37 in churches, 5 RUF, 9 as professors, missionaries, chaplains, etc., 4 honorably retired, and 9 without call), 10 minister candidates and licentiates, and 4,000+ members. There are 7 churches in the Raleigh area, 2 in Durham, 2 in the Chapel Hill area, and one each in Goldsboro, Garner, Greenville, New Bern, Cameron, Cary, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Oriental, Fuquay Varina, Chocowinity, Fremont, and Wilson in addition to the 7 RUF ministries.