

PROCLAIM



Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! - 1 Chronicles 16:24

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FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Paul Beck
Senior Pastor

On October 31, 1517 a stocky Augustinian monk nailed a set of propositions to the door of the

Wittenburg Church requesting an academic debate. Few could have known the repercussions of Martin Luther's ordinary act. But what happened that chilly Autumn day launched what we know as the Protestant Reformation.

The issue that ignited Luther's outrage was the selling of indulgences. Pope Leo underestimated the cost of constructing St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. In order to raise the appropriate funds he offered passes of out purgatory for a handsome contribution. The Pope's successful campaign was directed by a Dominican preacher by the name of Johann Tetzel. Tetzel traveled from village to village and while his quartet would sing, "When the coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs," Tetzel would pass the plate.

Luther was incensed by Tetzel's salesmanship. He thought, if the pope had so much control over purgatory why doesn't he just open

the door and let everybody out? Luther countered the Pope's tactics with the message of the gospel. "The true treasure of the church," he said, "is not the accumulated merits of the saints, but rather the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We stand on the shoulders of the greater Protestant Reformers like Martin Luther and Huldrych Zwingli and John Calvin. But as we observe the 489th anniversary of that historic October day we find

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that the Protestant Church is again in need of reformation. The Reformers would agree for they said the church must always be reforming. Over the centuries the church has been encrusted with additional layers of tradition and cultural assimilation. It's time for a new reformation - a reformation not based on a "new way of doing church" - but a return to the simple, committed life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. The spiritual genius of the reformation was that it offered nothing new. It simply recovered what Christ and the Apostles taught.

One of the key slogans of the Reformation is *Soli Deo Gloria* - to God alone be the glory! I want to suggest that slogan captures for us the road to recovery. It begins by



Martin Luther
Father of the Protestant Reformation
11/10/1483 - 2/18/1546

acknowledging we have minimized God and exalted man. Not since the reformation has there been a time when Christians have been more obsessed with themselves than now. The tragedy is that we do not see it. We have grand thoughts of what *we* can do and too low a realization of who God is. But all of that can change. It happened before and it can happen again.

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

A Change of Season

As we have mentioned during the past few

Sundays, Aslaug Lorentsen, our church organist and choir accompanist for the past thirteen years has announced her retirement. Though we are not saying "good-bye" to her at Christ Chapel, it is indeed bittersweet to mark this moment of transition in ministry where one steps back to recognize the extraordinarily significant contribution that a particular individual has made to the Lord's work and a record of faithfulness to His church that stretches back more than a few decades.

It has been my privilege to work closely with Aslaug for nearly five of her thirteen years at Christ Chapel.

Her friendship, devotion to Christ, and continuing pursuit of excellence have been a tremendous encouragement to me. I will certainly miss the regular contact and sharing we have enjoyed chatting at the organ console or in the church office with our staff as a whole. At a time of life when someone of her talent, proficiency, and experience might be tempted to "rest on their laurels" and "coast" a bit, Aslaug has continued to faithfully learn new music and put in at least three rigorous practice sessions at the organ each week.

Aslaug writes, "MUSIC! What a wonderful gift God has given us! The listening as well as the experience and satisfaction of 'doing it.' I don't remember when it wasn't a part of who I am. The organ has become a

good friend -- occasionally a taskmaster! The lovely Steinway as well. I will miss it all terribly. However, I feel its time to let somebody else experience the joy I have had serving at Christ Chapel."



Aslaug Lorentsen
Organist

Aslaug's final Sunday at the organ on a regular basis will be October 1, the concluding Sunday of our Missions Conference. She has promised to be on hand to substitute as needed. Our Sunday at Six service on October 15 will be reserved for expressing thanks and appreciation to the Lord and Aslaug for her faithful contribution to Christ Chapel. A reception in her honor will be held following that service. Please mark your calendar now and plan to share in this special service of praise and worship.

On October 8, Dr. Dianne Carpenter, a sister in Christ who is a Centerville resident and who has served the Lord by sharing her musical gifts at several churches on Cape Cod will begin serving as organist. Dianne currently teaches 6th grade music at Horace Mann in Marstons Mills and is on the faculty of the Barnstable campus of the Cape Cod Conservatory. Most recently Dianne was organist at Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans. She received a Bachelor of

Music degree from Lowell University, a Master of Sacred Music degree and Ph.D. from Boston University as well as a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. For the past two summers Dianne has served as organist and musical director for the Craigville Conference Center in Centerville. Be sure to take time to meet and greet Dianne following one of our upcoming services and to thank for her for sharing her gifts with us.

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YOUTH NEWS



Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor



Christ Chapel's youth group kicked off the new school year with our first ever Jr./Sr. Fall Retreat. It was just our group, and we held it at Camp Good News in Forestdale. What a great time and beautiful weather the Lord blessed us with. The weekend message was on God's grace; how He gives it to us, and how we are called to share it with others. We used John 4, and the story of the Samaritan woman at the well as our text.

Special thanks to our leaders (Jeff Miele and Jill Capello) and kitchen crew (Gretchen Axelson, Lynn and Andy Gruen, and Lisa Beck) for giving their time to help make this retreat possible. I think we've got a great new tradition here.



FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

For that reason, beginning on October 8, we are going to explore the majesty and glory of God in a new sermon series entitled, *God Encounters*. Our aim is to see how God revealed Himself in unmistakable ways to different characters in the Bible and how they were never the same. The Reformation revived

the church by upholding the greatness of God. May a new season of reformation come upon us as we fall on our knees before the majesty of our God.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Paul

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OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

October 1	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6:00</i>	MISSIONS CONFERENCE - <i>How Then Shall They Hear</i> Guy Sottile, Italy for Christ Youth Emphasis - Guy Sottile
October 8	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Communion Sunday</i>	SERMON SERIES: <i>God Encounters</i> The Prayer that Changes Everything Exodus 33:12 - 34:7
October 15	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>Sunday @ 6:00</i>	The God Who is There Ezekiel 1:1-28 Appreciation Service for Aslaug Lorentsen
October 22	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	God Always Delivers Genesis 15:1-21
October 22	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	The Vision that Shatters Isaiah 6:1-7

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE ~ SUSAN RODENBERGER

I want to share some comments with you that come from someone in our church who received the services of Stephen Ministry.

“I never thought that I needed to ask anyone for help. After all, I was a ‘Christian’! I prayed, read my bible, memorized scripture, and went to church regularly. Why would I need help? However, I was experiencing very painful problems with a close family member. Several times I was asked by someone in whom I had confided, ‘Do you think you’d like to have a Stephen Minister?’ I always replied, ‘No!’ Things gradually got worse and I was struggling with deep hurt, pain, depression and lots of anger. I knew that I needed help. At the urging of my husband, I finally called and asked for a Stephen Minister. It was the best phone call I’ve ever made!

In the beginning I wasn’t so sure that I felt much better about my situation, but gradually after about a

month of weekly visits of someone listening, caring and praying with me, I started to see things more clearly. I realized that I couldn’t change the situation or person; only God can do that, but I could change my attitude. Through the prayers of my Stephen Minister and many others I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit working in my life. I have peace and joy again. I thank God for the Stephen Ministry at Christ Chapel and hope that some day I will have the opportunity to become a Stephen Minister so that I can help someone else.

If you are hurting, don’t wait until it’s too late--- help is just a phone call away. There is someone to walk with you through your pain.”

That person is a Stephen Minister.

For more information call Susan Rodenberger, Referrals Coordinator at 508-539-4977 or the church office at 508-420-1200.



SPECIAL NOTE

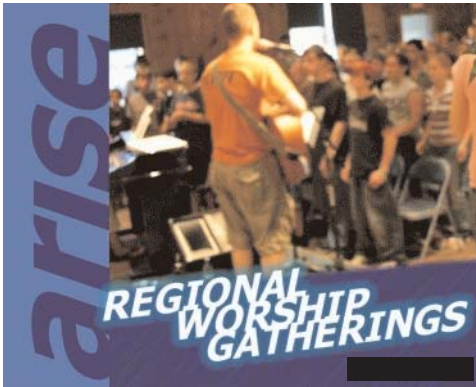
MISSIONARY JUDY APPLETON has been faithfully serving Pioneers in S.E. Asia for a number of years. Judy continues to serve Pioneers, but has returned to Cape Cod temporarily. As a missionary Christ Chapel has supported for many years, Judy so appreciates your continued prayers and support for her and God's ministry on "B".

For the next eight months, Judy's address will be:

Judy Appleton
12 Terry Road
W. Dennis, MA 02670
Phone: 508-398-4218
Cell phone: 540-303-3233



COMING SOON



Arise to Worship - October 14 at Christ Chapel

Arise Worship will return to Christ Chapel for another Regional Worship Gathering on October 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Arise was with us last spring to share their heart for God and skill in worship, playing a powerful blend of original songs and contemporary favorites. The band is based at Monadnock Bible Conference Center in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and their purpose is to model the pattern of worship expressed in Roman's 12. They encourage youth to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is our spiritual act of worship. Through the God-centered focus, expression of Arise's music and purposeful teaching about worship, they want students to grasp the eternal reality that lifting high the name of Jesus through our lives is the ultimate definition of worship.

Encourage youth you know to attend this Christ-centered regional worship event. Advance tickets will soon be available for \$7 on Sunday mornings and at the church office. Tickets will be \$9.00 at the door.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Please mark you calendar and plan to join us for these upcoming events:

Appreciation Service for Aslaug Lorentsen

Sunday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.

Joy Group Dinner & Singspiration

Friday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

Christ Chapel Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 12

Christ Chapel Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

Veritas Academy Christmas Program

Friday, December 8

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 p.m.

**I
the
Lord
do not
change**



*Malachi 3:6
ESV*



Be Part of *Proclaim!*

Interested in being part of Christ Chapel's *Proclaim!* newsletter? Do you have ideas you'd like to share or material you'd like to contribute?

We want to hear from you! While we may not be able to incorporate all ideas and submissions, we'd very much appreciate your input!

Simply contact Elayne Brigham in the church office with your ideas and/or ways you'd like to help out. *Thanks!*

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue:
November 15, 2006**

CONTACT US

For more information on events and happenings at Christ Chapel

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TEMPORARY HOUSING

A member of Christ Chapel has an unfurnished home that is available for someone that is available for someone to live in until it sells. If you know someone who is interested, please contact Pastor Thomas.

FOR SALE

Craftsman Lathe & long handled tools - \$100. Like-new boys/mens bike, only ridden twice then stored for 2 years - \$50. Please call Donna at 508-428-6836.

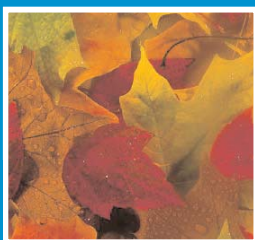
FOR RENT

One bedroom, unfurnished apartment for rent in W.Barnstable. Private entrance, close to Mid-Cape, Christ Chapel, YMCA, 4 C's. Newly painted and carpeted. Utilities included. Please call Sookie Driscoll @ 508-362-2293 or 508-776-5032 anytime if you are interested or know someone else who might be.



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***Be still
and know
that I
am God***

~ Psalm 46:10 ESV