

PROCLAIM



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

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Senior Pastor

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

What does it mean for believers at Christ Chapel to worship God?

What does it mean for believers at Christ Chapel to worship God? Now, I know this sounds like a rhetorical question, but I'm asking it to each of you personally. This is a very important question. It says a lot about

who you are as a follower of Jesus Christ, and who we are at Christ Chapel, as a fellowship of believers in Christ. It also says a lot about our spirituality, about our unity, and about our mission. It reflects our maturity as believers or our needs. It pokes at our prejudices and traditions, and it demands of us an honest accounting of who and what we are as a community.

So, let me ask that again and then prod you along with a few suggestions. *What does it mean for believers at Christ Chapel to worship God?* Now the first thing we need to ask ourselves is this: Do we primarily worship God as individuals, or as a community? That is, when do we worship God, and how do we do it? Do we worship God when we have our quiet time and pray? Do we worship God with the way we lead our lives? Do we worship God when we sing songs or

hymns together on Sunday morning? Do we worship God in small groups, or with our accountability partner, or with families or with our spouse?

Well, hopefully, you answered yes to all of these. But the fact remains, though we worship only one God, we do so in a variety of ways, all of which are legitimate, but not all of which are the same. I may prefer to worship God in my pajamas with a cup of coffee and my guitar early in the mornings. That may be legitimate, but it's not everyone's style. Imagine if we all did that on a Sunday morning! I have personal preferences, favourite hymns and songs, an individual style that is the result of years of walking with the Lord. These are unique to me, but not to you. They are ways that I express thanks and intimacy with the Lord that reflect my own spiritual journey. And, many of

you have similarly unique collections of worship moments. These are vital for our individuals lives, and are the stuff of our spirituality. But, they reflect our private worship styles and preferences.

When we come together as the people of God, our personal styles take a back seat to our public worship. But even here, all is not as simple as it may first appear.

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There are cultural, generational, ethnic and stylistic differences to the way we worship publicly. Some people find deep meaning in the solemnity of the ancient liturgies of the church: Recited prayers, liturgical worship, the importance of communion. Some people prefer the joy and energy of singing with gusto the great hymns of the faith together as a congregation. Some people love to meditate to the songs of a choir, or the sounds of an instrument attuned to the skills of a gifted musician. Some people like the intimacy and ecstasy that praise songs and a worship band deliver. Some love to reflect on beautifully sung solos. Some people come alive with charismatic worship, the kind that gets you clappin' and hoppin' around the sanctuary! Some love to meditate in silence and in prayer. These are all legitimate types of worship, and they are deeply personal as well as public expressions of dedication to God.

Their strength comes from their authenticity of expressing indigenous worship. That is, they are powerful forms of common worship, because they are held in common by those who worship together. Today, and in particular in an interdenominational church, we no longer share in common styles of worship. If we did, we would no longer be interdenominational, nor would we be as diverse as we are. But why can't we all worship as one, some may say? I agree! Lets all get up early in the morning in our pajamas, and a cup of coffee, and worship on the guitar with me!

Well, isn't this the problem! We all want the rest of us to be one with ourselves! We don't particularly want to worship in the styles that others that are different from ourselves worship! But true, common worship is not about styles, and it's not about ourselves, but about the Lord Jesus, and this is something all of us can find unity in.

Some people have been concerned that the second service will be abolished and turned into a second koinonia service. This couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, my hope is that the classic service will continue with choirs, instruments and all manner of liturgical worship! Those who have particular gifts and interests in traditional worship are encouraged to share their gifts!

The same can be said for the contemporary worship. We need more musicians, more singers, more participants in our worship service. As we reach out to contemporary culture, this service will have as its goal the worship of God in a language and style that is common to our culture.

Maybe one day we'll have a contemplative service, and perhaps even a charismatic service! The point is this: Our unity in worship does not come from stylistic synchronization, but it is revealed in the object of our praise: Unity in worship is always achieved when Jesus Christ is the center of our affections. As we move forward and deeper as a worshipping community, may Jesus become more real, more dear, and more present in all our varied forms of worship! ■

Introducing Christ Chapel's Interim Director of Music



Dr. Dianne Carpenter has been the organist at Christ Chapel since September of 2006. Prior to her position here, she has worked with a variety of Music Ministries in many denominations since 1968. She has organized and directed adult and youth choirs and hand bell ringers as well as instrumental ensembles.

Dianne has a Masters in Sacred Music as well as Doctorate. She taught general music recently for three years in the Barnstable School System. She directed the Schola Cantorum of Falmouth, a Renaissance sacred music ensemble in 2005.

In addition to playing the organ Dianne teaches violin, cello, guitar and piano privately and she teaches Group Piano, Music Appreciation and Music Theory at Cape Cod Community College where she has been since the spring of 2004. She hopes to help involve persons of all ages and musical gifts in the worship at Christ Chapel during this transitional time. ■



Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Thoughts on Romans 12:1-2

This month's article is loosely based on the Lent Devotional entry I wrote last year. Hope you enjoy it.

Romans 12: 1-2 is one of my favorite passages in all of scripture. Many of you have heard me say, "better to read one or two verses each day, and really get something out of it, than to read multiple chapters in a rote sort of fashion simply to get it done and over with."

With that in mind there's a lot to glean from these two verses. Romans 12 starts with the word "Therefore." Any Bible student will tell you whenever you come across the word "therefore" in Scripture, you need to find out what it's there for. In this case the apostle Paul has spent much of the first 11 chapters of Romans talking about God's love, grace, and mercy for us as sinners. Now, in chapter 12, he starts out saying "therefore" because there is something we should be doing, and that is to "offer our bodies as living sacrifices."

Living sacrifices. Now there are two words you don't hear together very often. Is that anything like jumbo shrimp, or calling someone pretty ugly (not that any of us would do such a thing)? I get a kick out of oxymorons.

Anyway, how do you go about being a living sacrifice? Of course we don't literally sacrifice ourselves in the Old Testament animal sacrifice sort of way, but we do make all of our bodies a sacrifice to God. God wants every part of our bodies to be dedicated to him. He wants your eyes (what you watch), your ears (what you are listening to), your tongue (the things you say), your brain (your thought life), your feet (where you go), your hands (what you do and how you serve), your knees (as in your prayer life), your nose... alright, I've got nothing for your nose but you get the idea.

And He certainly wants your heart.

Hopefully you now have a better idea of what it means to be a living sacrifice than you may have had before. And what does the Bible say that this is? It's your "spiritual act of worship." Know that as you serve God and give these parts of your life over to him that you are, in fact, worshipping Him.

On to verse two. To be a proper living sacrifice, you have to learn not to conform to the patterns of this world. That's tough! We are saturated by the world we live in. As a quick example let me ask two questions I have posed to my teenagers in the past.

1. What is the city the constitution was written in?
2. What is the city with the zip code 90210?

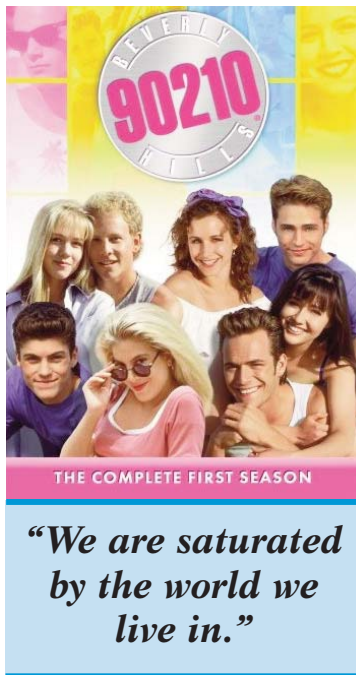
If you guessed Philadelphia for the first question, you are among 25% of American teens who knew the answer. If you answered Beverly Hills for the second question you are among 75% of the teens who knew the answer based on a TV show with the that zip code for its name.

TV and other media shapes our views and understanding of what we know about the world. And when the TV is on for an average of over 7 hours a day in the typical American household, that's a lot of shaping. Add to this radio, iPods, movies, and the internet, and you get the idea of what I mean by being saturated by the world.

To not conform to the patterns we get bombarded with can be a serious battle, but we are given a good strategy. Verse two goes on to challenge us to renew our minds.

How do we renew our minds? I might suggest that our current Lenten season is a great place to start. Have you given up something that has been a worldly influence? (If you haven't you can always add something now if you feel led). Giving something up and

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ⌘ Anniversaries</p>	<p>1 First Light Bible Studies Centerville & Falmouth - 6:30 am Christian Ed - 7 pm ◆ Elsie Blackie ◆ Dessie Stringer</p>	<p>2 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am ◆ Ruth Horton</p>	<p>3 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Boys Brigade & Gens 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p>4 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Softball Practice - 6:30-8 pm Choir & Worship Reception & Rehearsal 6 pm ◆ Sybil Atwater ◆ Sarah Kluckhuhn</p>	<p>5 Man to Man - 6 am</p>	<p>6 Dorothy Moore Memorial Service & Reception - 10 am ◆ Duncan Spooner</p>	
<p>7 Morning Worship - 8:25 & 11 Spiritual Formation & Kids' Compass - 9:45 am Sr. High Connect - 5:30 pm ◆ Lindsay Hayes ◆ Jean Holmes</p>	<p>8 First Light Bible Studies Centerville & Falmouth - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>9 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Barnstable/Hyannis Small Group - 6:45 pm Trustees - 7 pm</p>	<p>10 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys Brigade & Gens 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p>11 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Elders - 5 pm Softball Practice - 6:30-8 pm Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>12 Man to Man - 6 am Cape Cod Christian Softball League Coach Meeting 7-9 pm ◆ Barbara Gorss ◆ Jerry White</p>	<p>13</p>	
<p>14 Daylight Savings Morning Worship - 8:25 & 11 Spiritual Formation & Kids' Compass - 9:45 am Sr. High Bowling & Pizza Event 3:30-6:30 pm ◆ Jostiah Driscoll</p>	<p>15 First Light Bible Studies Centerville & Falmouth - 6:30 am ◆ Ginnie Lombard</p>	<p>16 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Hospitality Committee - 6 pm Missions - 6:30 pm ◆ Thomas Crumb</p>	<p>17 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys Brigade & Gens 6:15-7:45 pm Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm ◆ Daniel Cowick</p>	<p>18 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Softball Practice - 6:30-8 pm Choir - 7 pm</p>	<p>19 Jr. High Monadnock Winter Retreat</p>	<p>20 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Susan Lotz ◆ Bob Sutton ◆ Rachel Hayes</p>	
<p>21 Morning Worship - 8:25 & 11 Spiritual Formation & Kids' Compass - 9:45 am Jr. High Retreat Sr. High Connect - 5:30 pm ◆ Stacy Marshall</p>	<p>22 First Light Bible Studies Centerville & Falmouth - 6:30 am Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>23 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am Barnstable/Hyannis Small Group - 6:45 pm</p>	<p>24 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys Brigade & Gens 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm ◆ Kayla Grosso</p>	<p>25 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30 am & 7:00-8:30 pm Softball Practice - 6:30-8 pm Choir - 7 pm Elders - 5 pm ⌘ George & Roberta Glazer</p>	<p>26 Man to Man - 6 am Vlad & Irinia Balov Dinner Reception - 6:30 pm ◆ Jacky Curran ◆ Hannah Lotz</p>	<p>27</p>	
<p>28 Palm Sunday Morning Worship - 8:25 & 11 Spiritual Formation & Kids' Compass - 9:45 am Sr. High Connect - 5:30 pm ◆ Given Curley</p>	<p>29 First Light Bible Studies Centerville & Falmouth - 6:30 am</p>	<p>30 Men's Bible Fellowship 7-8:30 am ◆ Bob Fogle</p>	<p>31 Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Boys Brigade & Gens 6:15-7:45 pm Jr. High Combust - 6:30-8 pm ◆ Michael Gorss ◆ John-Paul Lotz</p>	<p>"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ~Mark 11:9 ~</p>			

MARCH SERMONS

COMING UP

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 8:31-59

Dr. John-Paul Lotz

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 9

Dr. John-Paul Lotz

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:25 & 11:00 AM

John 10

Dr. John-Paul Lotz

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28

8:25 & 11 AM

John 12

Dr. John-Paul Lotz

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
SUPPER & SERVICE**

APRIL 1

at 6:30 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE**

APRIL 2

at 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4

SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30 a.m. at Craigville Beach

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

Kids' Compass Opening Exercises

Sunday mornings ~ 9:45 a.m.

Children in Grades 1-6 meet in Classroom #5 for a fun round of worship and exercise before their teachers bring them to their grade-specific classrooms.



Choir & Musician Reception & Rehearsal

Thursday, March 4, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Interested in doing special music, sharing your gift playing instruments and/or singing in the choir? Please plan to attend a special reception during which Pastor Lotz will share a brief message on worship.

Any and everyone interested in the church choir or music for our Classical Worship Service is invited and encouraged to come.

The church choir and special music will come under the direction of Christ Chapel's new Interim Worship Director, Dr. Dianne Carpenter. ■

Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 14

Be sure to set your clocks ahead Saturday night!

Dinner Reception for Vlad & Irina Balov

Friday, March 26, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.

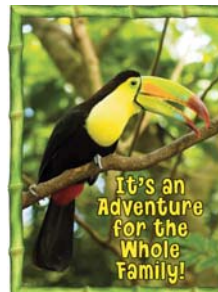
The Global Missions Committee invites you to attend a dinner reception honoring Vlad Balov, pastor of our sister church, Church of the Reconciliation in Russia.

This is Pastor Balov's first visit to America, so please come and show your support for him and his wife on Friday, March 26 at 6:30. Doing God's work in Russia is challenging, we want to recognize this effort and give our encouragement and support.

Please RSVP for this all-family event using by emailing at bkcrosby1@verizon.net or using the form in Sunday's bulletin. ■



Irina & Vlad Balov



You TOUCAN have a TREE-mendous time helping out at VBS July 26-30th!

For information or to help please contact:

Louisa Stringer at 508-274-1124 or brickredcrayon@hotmail.com



Seven "I Am" Statements of Jesus

1. I AM the bread of life.

John 6:35: *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."*

John 6:48: *I am the bread of life.*

2. I AM the light of the world.

John 8:12: *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

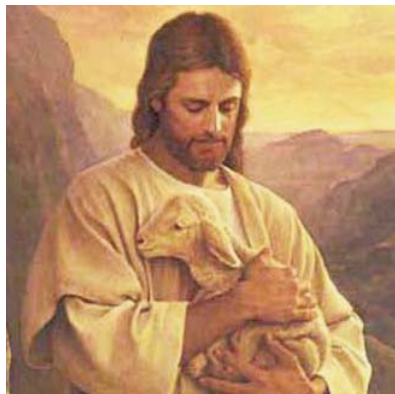
John 9:5: *"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

3. I AM the door.

John 10:7: *Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep."*

4. I AM the good shepherd.

John 10:11-14: *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."*



Painting by Del Parson
www.DelParson.com

5. I AM the resurrection and the life.

John 11:25: *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."*

6. I AM the way, the truth and the life.

John 14:6: *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

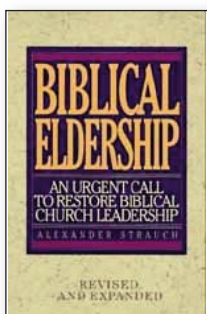
7. I AM the true vine.

John 15:1, 5: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

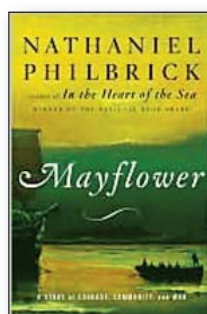
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FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOK SHELF

What Dr. Lotz reading this month:



Biblical Eldership
By: Alexander Strauch



Mayflower:
A Story of Courage, Community, and War
by Nathaniel Philbrick

CALAIS CARDS - GOT YOURS?

Calais Cards are prayer cards with a picture of one of our students on the front and personal information, fun facts, and prayer requests for each student on the back.

Put them on your fridge, on your desk office, or wherever you might be reminded to lift our students up in your prayers.

Pick up a five-pack for \$10 or the whole set of 18 for \$25 in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday to help fund the Youth Missions trip to Calais Maine this coming July.

Thanks! ■



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replacing it with additional time in God's Word and prayer is a great way to renew one's mind.

As we have not conformed to the world and as we have made efforts to renew our minds, it goes on to say then we will be able discern what God's will is for us. This is a great Biblical promise for you. Do you ever get big time bogged down in trying to figure out God's will for your life? If you are following the instructions of Romans 12:1-2, you shouldn't have to. If you are doing all you can to make your life an offering of sacrifice to God, then the decisions you make will more than likely be in God's will. It's that simple.

"If you are doing all you can to make your life an offering of sacrifice to God, then the decisions you make will more than likely be in God's will."

High school Seniors, are you having a hard time figuring out what college to go to? According to our passage, God's will doesn't have to be just one specific school. Make sure you are right in your relationship with God, therefore keeping you in the center of His will, and then my hunch is you'll be just fine regardless of which school you end up picking.

The same philosophy can be applied for the rest of us in other decisions too. So whatever the decision you have to make, explore your options intelligently and prayerfully, then take that step of faith knowing the Lord will more than likely bless that decision if you are living your life for Him.

Well that was a fun whirlwind tour through two verses. Finally as you go through this Lenten season, don't forget to consider the cross and that amazing sacrifice Jesus Christ has made on your behalf. ■

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Dr. Christner



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Ministry updates, coming events, testimonies, short stories, photos, and poems are welcome!

**Please submit contributions
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I am the Resurrection & the Life

*He that believeth in me,
though he were dead,
yet shall he live.*

~ John 11:25

*Please join Christ Chapel as we honor
Jesus Christ's Life, Death & Resurrection*

See our Holy Week service schedule on page 5.

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***“Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of
the Lord”***

Mark 11:9