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Mary Brooks, *Children's Message*

Hines Family, *Usher Captains*

Tim Karp, *Sound Engineer*

Brett Blizzard and John Moore
Officers of the Month

Welcome, one and all, to this
time of worship. We are
blessed to have you with us
today.

Ushers are available
for your assistance.

If you are interested in
joining Little Chapel on the
Boardwalk, please contact
Pastor Pat
(910) 256-2819 ext. 103

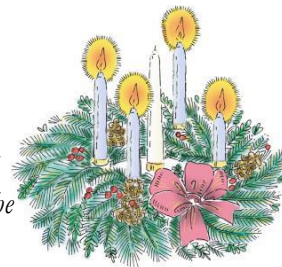
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and do not bring food or drink
into the sanctuary.*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2015 10:30 AM**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please fill out the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew and
pass it along to others. During the prelude speak to God, during the
service let God speak to you, after the service speak to one another.*



PRELUDE

What Child is This?

arr. Richard Purvis

INTROIT

A Voice Cries Out

David Haas

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Pat Rabun

Pastor: Come apart to this place of rest and renewal; let your spirits
rejoice in the presence of God.

**People: We will sing of God's steadfast love for all people. We
will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: God looks with favor on the humble and lowly. God's
covenant does not focus on rank or position.

**People: God strengthens those who are weak. The proud are
scattered in the thoughts of their hearts.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who walk in God's light. Blessed are all who
say yes to God's call.

**People: Let the Heavens proclaim the wonders of God. Let all
the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.**

*** HYMN NO. 143**

REGENT SQUARE

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Gerry Williamson and Stuart Brewington

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 85 (all verses)

TIF IN VELDELE

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bryan McIntyre

Leader: The promises of God are meant for all to enjoy. Yet we
have at times broken our covenant and declared our
independence from the Giver of Life. Then, when we
are brought down from the thrones of our pretension,
we wonder why.

**People: Let us confess the sin that separates us from God's
promises.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. We have neglected to thank you, either in good times or when you have supported us during days of uncertainty. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us, we pray, for installing ourselves as reigning deities. Lead us, rather, in paths of trust and obedience.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not put us to shame but deals wondrously with us, restoring our fortunes and blessing us with peace. God desires our salvation, our healing, our embracing of truth. Therefore, we are not to worry.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* ACT OF PRAISE NO. 134 (*verse 1*)

ANTIOCH

“Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Mary Brooks, Director of Children’s Ministry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Bryan McIntyre

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He is Born, Christ the King

Katherine K. Davis

Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 110

BRING A TORCH

“Love Has Come”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:46-56

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Pat Rabun

A Song of Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

(page 35, Presbyterian Hymnal)

OFFERTORY

Gentle Mary and Her Child

arr. Paul Manz

* DOXOLOGY

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (*refrain*)

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 119

MENDELSSOHN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Noel

Leon Rogues

Congregational Meeting to elect officers.

* All who are able, please stand.

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The flowers are given by Maggie and Chuck North in honor of David Lee Heinzman, the Chancel Choir, the Little Chapel Ringers, the Youth and Children's Choir and all the special musicians who share their talents with us all year long.

OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

ELDERS

Jim Bolick – Property Committee

I was born and lived in North Carolina all my life. Rita and I joined Little Chapel in 2012, where we found a loving church, and we felt so welcomed. I was asked to become a Deacon in 2013. I have served on the Stewardship committee for the last three years. I have also been serving on the Worship committee with my wife Rita, finding Usher Captains for each month, for the year. Pastor Pat and I put together guidelines for all ushers. I also served with the Mission committee, as the coordinator for Kids Making It. This is one of our many missions. I have been on mission trips many times. Rita and I love helping others. I help in the Sound Room with Tim Karp. It will be an honor to be an Elder at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

Freddye Ledford – Mission Committee

I was born Fredricka Alexander Green in Wilson, NC. I had four sisters. Two are deceased and two live here. My family moved often as my father was a High School principle in Eastern NC. We moved to Danville, Va. before moving to Raleigh where I received my education, graduating from Broughton High School before attending UNC-Greensboro. After college I moved to Charlotte and worked for AT&T, where I met and married Raymond Bruce Ledford. We lived in Raleigh for three years before Bruce was transferred to Charlotte, where we lived for 28 years and raised our three children, Ray, Reid and Robyn. I worked for Belk for 18 years and when Bruce retired, I transferred with Belk to become Credit Customer Service Manager at Independence Mall. We lived at South Harbor Island for 12 years, but now I reside at Point Summerset. We lost a son and Bruce died in 2008 after 54 years of marriage. I like crafts, cooking and playing bridge. I want to thank the members of LCOB for the opportunity to serve on the Session. I feel it is an honor and I promise to do the very best to my ability.

Susan Long – Mission Committee

My husband, Bob and I moved to Wilmington in 1995 from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Bob and I joined the Little Chapel in 1996. I worked as a Guardian ad Litem for 7 years for New Hanover and Pender Counties. Here at Little Chapel I have served as moderator of the Congregational Care Committee, on the Visitation Committee, the Witness and Service Committee and the Flower Delivery Team. Currently, I am a member of circle #4, sing in the choir and serve as an elder on Session. I'm always happy to provide another pair of helping hands, wherever they

are needed. My hobbies include exercise walking, reading, and gardening. I attended the University of Delaware, received a BA degree in English and taught middle school language arts. Bob and I were married for almost 40 years and have two sons, Bob and Stephen and four grandchildren.

Jim Smith – Finance Committee

My name is James Smith (that is my real name), but I go by Jim. Prior to moving to Wrightsville Beach in 2005 I was a member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church and joined Little Chapel a few years ago. I love the water (I lived at Lake Norman) and have always wanted to live in the Wrightsville Beach/Wilmington area. My career in real estate development allowed the move in 2005. I am single and have a large white dog named Smuckers. You may see him dragging me around the Loop on occasions. I am President of the Wrightsville Beach Foundation, a non-profit, and hopefully will be appointed to the Planning Commission in January. I also serve on an advisory board for long range transportation planning. I am honored to be asked to serve Little Chapel as a Member of the Finance Committee and to serve as an Elder. I have always been impressed by the outpouring of love and kindness at Little Chapel and will strive to help make it even better.

DEACONS

Stephany Del Re – Congregational Life

I was born in Washington DC, and had the luxury of spending many summers and holidays at Holden Beach and Wrightsville Beach, where I occasionally visited Little Chapel on the Boardwalk on Sunday mornings before hitting the surf. Always loving Wilmington and the beach, I decided to move here in June 2013 from New Bern after my youngest child graduated from high school to be closer to my family and friends. I joined LCOB shortly after moving and have enjoyed participating in Circle 4. I worked as a science teacher, school counselor and mental health therapist in New Bern for years and have continued to work as a mental health therapist in Wilmington. I devoted several hours to the Child Advocacy and Parenthood program before opening my private practice. I love being able to help people. In addition, I am very interested in the environment and have participated in many projects concerning water protection.

Marie Godsell – Stewardship Committee

I am originally from Toronto, Canada. I have two amazing boys, Darren a senior at UNC Chapel Hill, and Jeremy, a first year student at the medical college of Georgia. I moved to Wilmington in 2013 from Atlanta and knew immediately that Wilmington was a place I wanted to put down roots. I live near Mayfaire so I can walk or ride my bike to the beach, movie theatre and the library. I am an ultrasound technologist at Pender Memorial hospital and I also work part-time at Trader Joe's and part-time at Life Line, a non-profit pregnancy center in Wilmington. I attend the 8:30AM service in the winter and the beach service in the summer.

Maggie North – Membership Committee

Chuck and I moved here 23 years ago from Maryland. Between us we have 8 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. When we moved, I left a church very involved in the community and I wanted the same in a church down here. Boy, did I find that here at Little Chapel. I worked for the Meals on Wheels program for some years and now becoming a Deacon will be a real challenge for me. Being involved in the church has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people who I never would have met otherwise. I hope that I will be able to serve you as well as my predecessors have done.

Brenda Parker – Fellowship Committee

I have been a member of Little Chapel since 1988 when I moved back to Wilmington from Virginia. I am a widow with two daughters, one son-in-law, two grandchildren and 3 grand dogs who all live in Richmond, Virginia. I have served as a deacon and an elder at Little Chapel. I have also been on the "Breakfast Crew" for many years and I ring in the handbell choir.