



*Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Welcome, Worship, Witness
10 a.m. Indoor Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024*

Welcome to Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, where all our members are ministers. We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service. We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ, every gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, ability, or any other human condition.

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Andrew Taylor-Troutman

From “Breath of God: Chapel in the Pines Advent Devotional”

DAY 22

A decree from Ceasar to register all the world... Luke 2:1

All the world? Really! What arrogance to imagine that, as a human, one might count every person in every land. But that was Rome for you. Why did they think they could accurately count everyone in a census? Naturally, their intention was to impose taxes on them!

I am not Ceasar, but I am aware that I currently reside in an empire that, if not the richest nation, is incredibly wealthy and powerful, surpassing even Ceasar's imagination. Therefore, it is important to reflect on what I am measuring and the reasons behind my calculations. Where is my attention? Where are my values? As the verse reminds us, *where your treasure is, there shall your heart be also* (Matthew 6:21).

INHALE: I pay attention

EXHALE: God is my treasure

This is the day that the Lord has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE

Daniel Seyfried

HYMN #82

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

**indicates where to please stand in body or in spirit*

**Welcome to worship with
Chapel in the Pines
Presbyterian Church!**

Welcome - we're glad you're here! If you are a visitor and would like to learn more about Chapel in the Pines, or be added to our newsletter list, or learn more about joining this church family, scan the QR code to share your visit with us so we can stay in touch! You may also fill out a green visitor card (found in the narthex and chair pockets) and place it in the offering basket.



Ways to Give to CITP

In Worship: Place your offering in the baskets during the Blessing of the Offering.

Online: Access our giving portal at citppc.org/donate-online/.

Church information brochures, offering envelopes, note cards for prayer concerns and celebrations are inside the burgundy welcome folder in each chair back pocket. Please use what you need and return the folder to the chair pocket.

ADVENT WREATH: the Candle of Love

Deborah Kay Hughes & Cheryl Krier

Reader: As the birth of Jesus draws near and the waiting is almost over, we are reminded of the wideness of God's love.

All: Your love is high as the heavens, Lord! Your faithfulness, tall as the sky!

Reader: Your justice is endless mountains. Your judgement is deep and wide. You rescue both people and beasts.

All: Your kindness is a treasure. (Psalm 54, *Psalms of Wonder*)

Reader: We light candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and today the candle of Love to show us the way.

All: As a reminder that God is with us today.

SUNG RESPONSE "An Advent Candle Lighting" arr J. Nabors

Bring us love like the o-ccean, bring us love like the o - cean, bring us
love to light the way for our souls. _____ Bring us love like the o-ccean, bring us
love like the o - cean bring us love to light the way for our souls. _____

PRAYER FOR COURAGE - Pádraig Ó Tuama

Courage comes from the heart
and we are always welcomed by God,
the heart of our being.

**We bear witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called
to live lives of courage,
love, and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary
moments of each day.**

**We bear witness, too, to our failures
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE #84 "Creator of the Stars of Night", v. 1 CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Prayer for Courage (cont.), Pádraig Ó Tuama
Hear the good news: Christ sets us free from sin to live joyfully and serve willingly.

May we be courageous today.
May we learn today.
May we love today. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

*GLORIA "Ding Dong Merrily on High" arr J. Nabors

Glo - - - - -
ri - al Ho - sa - na in ex - cel - sis!

LITANY FOR JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS Barb Ewing & Jim Starling
Sentences of Scripture – from Isaiah 9

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

You, O God, have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
we rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
**and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Nursery

Childcare is provided at our 10am Sunday morning for children four years old and younger.

Large print worship bulletins, Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers. Handicapped parking is available in front of the church with level access into the sanctuary.

If you have a prayer request or celebration to share you may write it on an index card, found in the burgundy folders in the chair pockets. Please place your card in the offering baskets during the offering. You may also email your requests to admin@citppc.org or call the office at 919-960-0616.

"Creator of the Stars of Night"
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Let us pray:

Gracious God, for every good gift, we give you thanks and praise. We give you thanks for the birth of Christ in each heart every time we turn to you and turn toward holy community.

By your grace given by the Spirit, we are made one as your people, each unique and wonderfully gifted, for the building up of the church and the good of the larger world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Addressing Barb Ewend and Jim Starling, you are being received into the membership of this church today. As you present yourself before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith: Do you trust in the promise that you are known by and belong to God? Do you trust in the calling of Jesus Christ to a community of faith? And do you seek to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be active in this church?

Now addressing the entire body of believers gathered here, do we receive and affirm these children of God as members of this congregation? **We do.**

Do we accept our calling to love them as Christ commands us to love? **We do.**

Once again addressing our new members, do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life? Do you intend to share your time, talent, and treasure with Chapel in the Pines as you feel called and led to do?

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF THE WATCHWORD

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE - Luke 1: 26-56

From *Peace Table*- "Mary's Song?" pg. 164

Joelle Brummitt-Yale

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children may gather for Sacred Art time in the Education Wing following the Time with Young Disciples.)

Joelle Brummitt-Yale

SCRIPTURE - Micah 5: 2-5a
Holy Bible NRSV OT pg 815 Large Print Version pg 1059

Phyllis Harwood

SERMON

Andrew Taylor-Troutman

TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION

*HYMN #98 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

ANNUNCIATION

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

"I Wonder as I Wander"
Grace Ringers

arr Cathy Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY #609 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Christmas Joy Offering

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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New Office Hours

Effective Beginning October 20

Monday 9am - 1pm

Tuesday 9am - 1pm

Thursday 9am - 1pm

**If in doubt, call
or email first.**

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

at Chapel in the Pines

- 12/08 Alternative Christmas Giving Fair
New Members Sunday
11am Potluck with Caroling
- 12/14 7pm Sirens of Chatham Benefit Concert
- 12/15 Alternative Christmas Giving Fair
PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering
10am Lessons & Carols Service
- 12/22 10am PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering
- 12/22 5pm Taize around the Manger
- 12/24 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering
4pm Christmas Eve Worship
7pm Christmas Eve Worship

ALL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES IN
DECEMBER ARE AT 10AM



Thank you to those of you who generously donated for the poinsettias this year. What a beautiful addition this has been to our sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 forgive 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.

*HYMN #100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”
STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #95 “Prepare the Way of the Lord” PREPARE THE WAY

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)
* E^b A^b E^b * (chords continue)

Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

POSTLUDE

Daniel Seyfried



Please join us after worship today for some movement fun in the sanctuary for our **Get Energized with Energizers** gathering. We will meet to learn simple dance routines popular at Presbyterian youth conferences, all ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend.

This afternoon from 3-4:30pm, **children and youth** are invited to make Advent and Christmas themed ornaments to take home. Parents are invited to the Parents’ Meet with Ginny in the Gathering Room while their children make ornaments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING LOOPS: The sanctuary and fellowship hall are equipped with hearing loops, making it possible for anyone with a T-coil-enabled hearing aid to hear worship services and events in the fellowship hall clearly. If you do not have a hearing aid, but would like to try the hearing loop, headsets are available in the narthex from the ushers. Please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle at the back of the sanctuary, or return it to an usher after the service.



CHILDCARE: Childcare for children age four and under is provided at our combined worship service at 10am.

Contact: jbrummittiyale@citppc.org

YOUTH GROUPS:

6th-8th graders in confirmation class will meet the first and third Sunday from 3:00-4:30pm.

3rd-8th graders are invited to youth group on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-4:30pm.

High school youth meet every Sunday from 5:00-6:30pm.

Contact: [Joelle at jbrummittiyale@citppc.org](mailto:Joelle@jbrummittiyale@citppc.org)

PARENTS' MEETING: Every second and fourth Sunday during the earlier Youth Group time (3-4:30pm) we will meet for a time of connection, study, and reflection together in the Gathering Room. Childcare will be provided for children too young for youth group (under 3rd grade). Please let Ginny know if you are planning to bring your children so that we can be sure to be well prepared. We'll make plans for the future of our group together.

WORSHIP UPDATE: Beginning December 5, we will resume our regular two worship services that we were doing in November. 9:15am (indoors due to cooler weather is likely) and 11am (indoors and streamed). The second Sunday of the month is our combined worship at 10am. There is nursery care for children four and under for both of those services.

DEACON IN THE NARTHEX: Marian Olson will be in the narthex from 9:45am until the end of the service. She will be wearing a red carnation and is available to greet and assist members and visitors who may have questions, comments or special needs. Thank you Marian, for serving today.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbells: This fall we have two handbell choirs. Our regular choir meets Wednesdays at 6pm in the Sanctuary. We also have a new group, Grace Ringers, for ages 6th grade through adults, that will meet on Sundays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall (**NOTE: we will meet at 8:30am in the Sanctuary in December**). This is a great group for those with less experience.

Contact: katherine.brekke@gmail.com

Adult Choir: Weekly rehearsals are at 7:30pm on Wednesdays!

Contact: naborsje@gmail.com

NAME TAGS: We would be honored to have a printed name tag waiting for you in the box on the greeter table as part of our welcoming ministry. Please leave your hand printed tag at the greeter table, sign the fellowship pad, and ask the greeter to have a tag printed for you. It will be yours to take with you and bring it back whenever you come or you may place it in our name tag carousel for safe keeping and it will be here when you return.

PASTOR ON CALL THIS WEEK: Andrew Taylor-Troutman, andrew@citppc.org; 540-239-7060

TAIZE AROUND THE MANGER: Please see the back of your poinsettia insert to be reminder of our Taize Around the Manger service this evening here at 5pm. We hope you will join for this very special service.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING! Trinity Moravian Church's Debt Jubilee Project has worked with Undue Medical Debt to purchase and forgive over \$2 million in qualifying past-due medical debts in central NC that is available on the open market for purchase. Our offering will help the goal to raise \$15,000 between December 1 and January 15 to purchase this debt – and abolish it!

A warm Chapel in the Pines welcome to our new member **Barb Ewend!** Barb is from Saginaw, Michigan. Barb attended the University of Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a teaching certificate. She intermittently taught Kindergarten through third grade classes and served as a reading teacher as she raised two sons, Peter and Matthew.

Barb has been actively volunteering most of her life. She co-founded a public relations agency, making good use of her journalism writing skills.

In 2014 she relocated to NC to be nearer her son and his family. Barb lives at Galloway Ridge and is confident that she made the decision to become a member of Chapel in the Pines as she continues her faith journey, and looks forward to the opportunity to meet other members of the congregation.



We also welcome **Jim Starling** into membership! Jim was born in Madison Wisconsin and raised by his mother and grandmother in a small northern Wisconsin town. Influences of his early life were the church and Boy Scouts. Jim attended Carroll College and for graduate school, the universities of Rochester Medical School, Virginia, and North Carolina.

He eventually joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he worked for 30 years as well as at the adjacent Veterans Administration hospital.

He moved to Cornelius, North Carolina where he was a member of the Davidson College Presbyterian Church. He is now living at Galloway Ridge.

Jim has participated in numerous professional volunteer activities including the West Bank of Palestine, Haiti, and Panama. His faith journey has been similar to a roller coaster with highs and lows.

Jim has three children and five grandchildren. His hobbies include golf, bridge, cooking, reading and good conversations with friends.

**FREE COPIES OF
ANDREW'S NEW BOOK!**

(Please one per household) This Is the Day comes from Andrew's doctoral dissertation completed this summer. Copies for church members were paid for with funds from the Lilly Foundation.

Church Staff

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Antonine Sharpless, Nursery Staff
The Rev. Dr. Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Ginny Taylor-Troutman, Minister of Member Engagement
Emily Williams, Youth Assistant

Mission Co-worker: Karla Koll, in Costa Rica
Mission Co-workers: Eric & Betsey Moe, in Guatemala



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