

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church  
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## *Chapel in the Pines*



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If you are looking for Andrew's musing, please 'view it on webpage' (see above) and continue reading the newsletter and you'll find it. Many questions you have about the happenings of CITP, especially during the upcoming Advent and Christmas season are answered in this email!

# The PCUSA's CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering, the last of four yearly PCUSA appeals, supports the health and strength of the Presbyterian Church itself. It assures that the good works empowered by the denomination will continue through the years.

First, the Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families who find themselves in need. Over one million dollars raised from the 2023 Offering provide critical financial support for current and retired Presbyterian church workers who are dealing with inadequate pensions or with catastrophic medical events in their families. This support bears witness to our faithful response to God's charge that we love one another as Christ commanded.

Second, the Christmas Joy Offering supports PCUSA's historic commitment to higher learning among communities of color. Through the establishment and support of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, our future church leaders of color can receive much-needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals. More than \$800,000 in gifts from 2023 allow these ministries to continue – sustaining a Presbyterian tradition of nearly 140 years.

You will receive a brochure and envelope in your bulletin this Sunday although you can give online or just by writing Christmas Joy Offering on your check and placing it in the offering basket. We invite you to respond in the generous spirit of the season by supporting the 2024 Christmas Joy Offering.

by Mike Mannshardt and the Mission & Service Committee

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## Remaining Advent & Christmas Events at Chapel in the Pines

12/22 5pm Taizé around the Manger

12/22 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)

12/24 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)

12/24 4pm Christmas Eve Worship, Indoors

12/24 7pm Christmas Eve Worship, Indoors

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**IN CASE YOU MISSED OUR POTLUCK  
SING-ALONG, YOU MISSED A FUN AND  
FESTIVE EVENT! PLEASE ENJOY SOME  
PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT.**





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We **WELCOME** all people into our community of of faith.

We **WORSHIP** God with gratitude for the grace given to all people through Jesus Christ.

We **WITNESS** the love of Christ through our gifts of time, talents, and resources as we grow together in our faith.

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To read the Session Digest from the September 23, 2024 Called Session Meeting, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Dec 19 - 26, 2024**

**Thursday, December 19**

**Church Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Poetry Discussion at Galloway Ridge

**Friday, December 20**

**Church Office Closed**

- 10am Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm Private Piano Recital, Sanctuary

**Saturday, December 21**

**Church Office Closed**

- 7pm Sirens of Chatham benefit Concert, Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 22**

**Advent 4**

- 8:30am Grace Ringers Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:45am Exploring Together Class, on Zoom and in the Gathering Room
- 10am COMBINED Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
- 11am Get Energized with Energized, Sanctuary
- 2pm Prayer Meeting for Racial Justice, Mt. Zion Baptist
- 3pm Ornament Making Afternoon with children and youth, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm Parents Meet with Ginny, The Gathering Room
- 5pm 9th-12th Graders' Youth Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, December 23**

**Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 4pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
- 7pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 25**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Office Closed**

## Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Coffee Blessing", [CLICK HERE](#).



**NEW!** Our church will be cooking at St. Bart's Episcopal Church THIS Monday starting at 9am. Many helpers are needed. We are not cooking chicken this time, but delicious meatballs and sauce. You do not need to commit for the whole day, please at least come help for even a short amount of time.

**Contact:** Susie Smith or Mike Mannshardt

## Help Wanted

Thursday, December 26  
Office Hours 9am-1pm

Church Office Hours  
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am-1pm  
Andrew: By Appointment

Our master calendar can be found on our website as well. If you see something on this calendar that should be corrected, please let Teresa know so she can edit the church's master calendar.

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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.**

(Monday and the "T" days  
we are open 9am to 1pm!)

Contact: Teresa

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## This Week



### Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman  
andrew@citppc.org  
540-239-7060

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## HELP WANTED

### Shepherd of the Signs

Description: Reliable, responsive individual/couple/family needed for timely posting/removal of special signs at church. This signage (primarily banners) is to advertise special services and/or programs at the church. These can be seasonal (Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Stewardship) or event-specific. All signs are approved by the Communications Committee

Reports to: Communications Committee

Skills needed: How to operate bungee cords. No ladder work required. Training is provided.

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# Thank You!



Thank you to those of you who donated to the poinsettias this year. These gorgeous plants beautifying our sanctuary were raised by the horticultural/agricultural students at Chatham Central High School.

Our thanks to them for their rewarding efforts. (Reminder: Poinsettias are toxic to cats and dogs!)

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### Community Blood Drive Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church

Held in the Fellowship Hall  
314 Great Ridge Pkwy  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Friday, December 20, 2024  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code:  
PinesPresbyterian

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



Come give Dec. 16 thru Jan. 3 for a NEW long sleeved  
Red Cross T shirt, 16. qty. CHILL with us!



**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**  
1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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The American Red Cross is holding a Community Blood Drive at CIP in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, **Friday December 20, 10am - 3pm**. If you are able and willing to give the gift of blood that saves lives, come on over and donate!



Sunday December 22 in the sanctuary after worship, stay to join us for energizers - simple dance routines popular at Presbyterian youth conferences. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend for fun, exercise, and joyful fellowship!

# Flower Ministry



The sign up sheets to bring flowers in 2025 is on the welcome table in the narthex! Please sign up soon to get the date you would like.

Contact: Hope Weber

# Realm Updates

If you are a church member who does not have a Realm account, but would like one, you can let Teresa know and she'll send you an invitation to join. If you need assistance with navigating Realm, Teresa or Ginny are both happy to assist! Printed copies of directories are also available to our members upon request.

If you need help finding the Directory on Realm, email Teresa and she can send you step by step directions.

**CLICK HERE TO GET DIRECTLY TO REALM**

# Ornament Making Afternoon for Kids



Sunday, December 22  
3:00-4:30PM in the Hall for All

Children and youth are invited to make Advent and Christmas themed ornaments to take home.

Parents are invited to Parents' Group with Ginny in the Gathering Room while their kids make ornaments.

For more information contact Joelle, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at [jbrummittvale@citppc.org](mailto:jbrummittvale@citppc.org)

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Contact: Joelle

## TAIZÉ AROUND THE MANGER



THIS SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 22, 2024, 5 PM

CHAPEL IN THE PINES  
Presbyterian Church



**NURSERY CARE**

NURSERY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN FOUR AND UNDER WILL BE PROVIDED AT OUR 10AM SERVICE DURING DECEMBER.

CONTACT: JOELLE BRUMMITT-YALE



### 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 Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, [jbrummittvale@citppc.org](mailto:jbrummittvale@citppc.org)



# WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WITH ANDREW

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7:00PM

● SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 18  
CHAPEL IN THE PINES - FELLOWSHIP HALL AND ON ZOOM!



Bible Study on Wednesdays is on hiatus until January 8. Andrew looks forward to resuming this special time together with you in the new year!

CLICK HERE WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS BEGINNING  
JANUARY 8 TO ZOOM THE  
BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT  
6:59pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24 - 4pm

December 24 - 7pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



We hope you will be able to worship with us Christmas Eve at our 4pm and/or 7pm services. Nursery care will be available at both services.

The 7pm worship will be live-streamed. Click on the button below to get to our YouTube channel, then click on LIVE to watch it. OR, there should be a link on our website that will take you there as well.

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# Parents Group

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

3-4:30PM  
GATHERING ROOM

CONNECTION | STUDY | REFLECTION

CHILDCARE PROVIDED  
PLEASE CONTACT GINNY FOR MORE INFO:  
GINNY@CITPPC.ORG

**PARENTS' MEETING:** We have a new small group for parents! Every second and fourth Sunday during the time when our 3rd through 8th graders meet for youth group (3-4:30pm), join us 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 will be well prepared. We'll make plans for the future of our group together.

Contact: Ginny Taylor-Troutman

## Weekly Reminders



[CLICK HERE TO GET TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

## Sermon Transcripts

Each week when Andrew preaches, we strive to update his sermon transcripts here for those who wish to have a PDF to read! Clicking on the red button below will take you directly to the sermon transcript from December 8. There was no sermon this past Sunday due to the Festival of Lessons & Carols.

[CLICK HERE TO READ ANDREW'S SERMON TRANSCRIPT FROM 12/8](#)

## Watch the Livestream

**UPDATED!** Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 10am service on Sundays. When we have that available, we will share a link to it here. Please click on the purple button below to watch this week's livestream.

If you wish to subscribe to our YouTube channel, click on the subscribe button once you pull up our page. By subscribing, you'll get a notification every time we update our video posts!

[CLICK TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM FROM](#)

### Men's Fellowship

We have resumed our Men's Fellowship gatherings! The second Thursday of the month we meet 9am in the Fellowship Hall The fourth Thursday of the month we meet 9am at the Belted Goat.



Adult Vocal & Bells!



### WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

**Handbells:** This fall we will have two handbell choirs. Our regular handbell 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. This is a great group for those with less experience.

*Contact: Katherine Brekke*

**Adult Choir:** Adult Choir rehearses weekly beginning in the sanctuary at 7:30pm on Wednesdays. If you're interested in joining us, contact Jeremy!

*Contact: Jeremy Nabors*

# From Our Treasurer

**NEW!** Please click on the green button below to read the Treasurer's report for November, 2024.

Contact: [Tim White](#)

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER](#)

# You are Invited

Union Taylors  
Community Action Center

*Christmas Deals* 3rd Annual  
Holiday Pop-Up  
Thrift Market

|                        |  |                       |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Dec 20<br>10 AM - 2 PM | Taylor's Chapel Church<br>2153 Mays Chapel Rd<br>Sanford, NC | Dec 21<br>9 AM - 3 PM |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|

Enjoy the excitement of this year's Holiday Pop-up Thrift market event to benefit the Union Taylors Community Action Center renovation project.

**Donations Needed**

- Baby items and cloths
- Books
- Kitchen items
- Art & Home decor
- Jewelry & Purses
- Toys & Kids items
- Furniture
- Electronics
- Designer shoes
- Art
- Baked goods
- Gently used & clean items

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
at Union Taylor  
Community Center  
530 Mays Chapel Rd  
Bear Creek, NC

In collaboration with  
Mays Chapel Baptist Church  
 Union Grove AME Zion Church

For More Information:  
Cicily McCrimmon  
(919)777-4016




The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

They are taking a break from the book they've been reading, *The False White Gospel* and will be focusing on *Andrew's Breath of God: An Advent Devotional* during the month of December.

All women are welcome!

Contact: [Marcia Ladd](#)



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Until next week...  
**GRACE & PEACE**



IF YOU MISSED THE BENEFIT CONCERT PERFORMED SATURDAY AT CITP TO SUPPORT SECOND BLOOM, HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF A WONDERFUL CONCERT

NEW!



## PASTOR'S MUSING



**Finally, Comes the Poet**

Prayers of the People, December 15, 2024

*In tribute to the amazing musicians of Chapel in the Pines who played and sang for our lessons and carols, this prayer is written as three sonnets, which means "little song" in Italian.*

This is the day that you have made, O Lord,  
and we rejoice in the good news.

We give thanks for the music that tunes  
our hearts to sing thy praise. We adore  
you, which is what we have been created for,  
creatures of star dust and humble earth,  
recipients of gifts of widest worth,  
poured out from your treasure's store.  
In our time, we know grave injustice,  
polluted minds and fouled nations,  
rampant greed, falsehood, and cruelty.  
Instead of bravery, there is cowardice;  
the lack of love an abomination  
to your gracious design for harmony.

And yet, there were shepherds long ago,  
abiding their flocks by night;  
a people who walked in darkness were given light,  
and hearts, which had dimmed strangely cold,  
were suddenly revived; the old  
dreamed dreams, the young had visions,  
a child was born, a son was given,  
just as the promise had been foretold.  
And always, there was music;  
rivers strummed, trees clapped their hands,  
the hills burst forth in song,  
and from our mortal lips,  
praise is heard in any land  
where faith is kept and love is strong.

Though the world tilts and whirls its weary  
route, joy is born in us,  
each and every time we trust  
the composer and find the flow of melody;  
every grace note ringing of unity,  
each song more real than hate,  
truth that sets us free to make  
peace through a baby's divinity.  
Your love is stronger than even death,  
and though weeping might linger for a night,  
there shall be joy at dawn,  
perpetual and eternal rest,



as gloom shall be dispelled by light,  
and forever be a joyful love song.

In hope,  
Andrew+

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**NEW!** To read Andrew's article "Joy and sorrow with Gillian Welch and David Rawlings", [CLICK HERE](https://pres-outlook.org) (pres-outlook.org)

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