

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
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NEW! 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!



2025 OPERATING BUDGET CAMPAIGN

FORWARD *in Faith*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS AT 90% OF GOAL

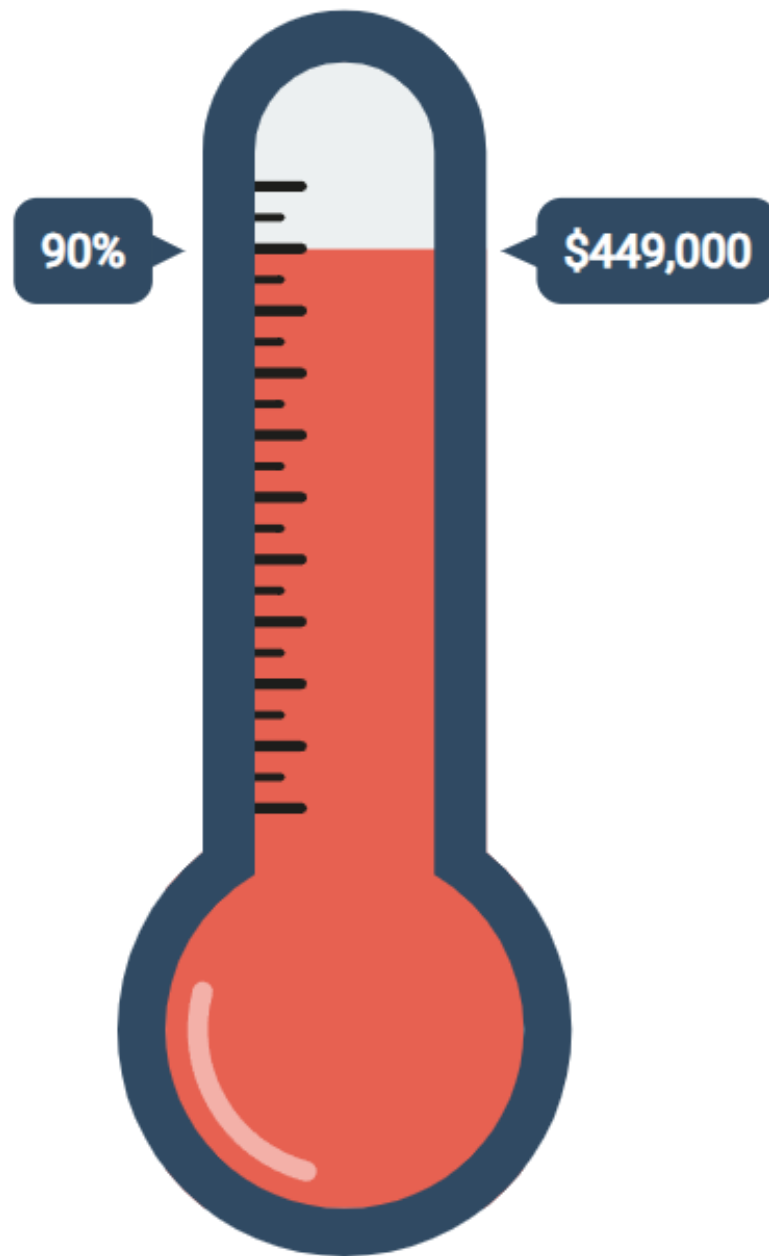
NEW INFORMATION! Pledges totaling \$449,000 by 97 households have been recorded for our 2025 operating budget. That's approximately 90% of the \$500,000 goal and 78% of the goal for the number of households participating (125).

If you have not submitted your 2025 pledge, please do so soon so that the *Forward in Faith* campaign can be finalized. Click [HERE](#) to make a pledge online.

Additionally, if you have not completed the *Time & Talent* form, click [HERE](#). Ginny Taylor-Troutman expresses her appreciation for receiving those forms in helping to plan for 2025.

Peace be with you.
Session, Stewardship Committee,
Finance and Administration Committee

GOAL: \$500,000



Advent and Christmas Events at Chapel in the Pines

- 12/01 Christmas Cards for Canton
- 12/01 9am Advent Wreath Workshop [CLICK HERE](#)
- 12/01 11am Presentation by CORE [CLICK HERE](#)
- 12/08 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair
- 12/08 10am New Members Sunday!
- 12/08 11am Potluck with Caroling [CLICK HERE](#)
- 12/15 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair
- 12/22 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)
- 12/24 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

A FAIR OF HANDMADE WONDERS

December 8 & 15
before and after
10am worship!

The CITP Alternative Christmas Giving Fair will be held before and after our 10 a.m. worship services on December 8 and December 15. The fair focuses on Generosity!

We ask you to make donations to at least one or more of a group of mission partners that CITP supports: Benevolence Farm, Chatham Chuckwagon, Chatham Literacy, Communities in Schools, Farm at Penny Lane, Love Chatham, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salvation Army, and CEDEPCA (Guatemala). More will be shared about those partners in next week's newsletter.

You are asked to make these donations as three-way gifts: (1) gifting yourself by being generous; (2) gifting a loved one by making your gift in their honor; and (3) financially supporting our mission partners. Christmas cards will be given to you with an insert that explains that your gifts are

being given in your loved one's honor to support God's work in Chatham County and beyond.

There will also be selected items available for your donations, including scented candles and soaps made by women being helped at Benevolence Farm in Alamance County, fair trade coffee grown and roasted by Cafe Justo in Mexico. And crafts made by members and friends of CITP and given freely to our Fair.

Please come to celebrate the Christmas season in an alternative manner that focuses on the heart-felt gifts of generosity and thankfulness. Peace to you all!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
PLEASE NOTE, OFFICE HOURS FOR NEXT
WEEK (THANKSGIVING) ARE:
MONDAY & TUESDAY 9AM-1PM
WE ARE CLOSED WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY
& WILL REOPEN MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

**BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1
WE WILL HAVE
JUST ONE
WORSHIP
SERVICE AT
10AM DURING
DECEMBER**

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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Nov 21-28, 2024)

Thursday, November 21
Church Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am-noon, Drop Off for Winter Clothing Drive at CITP in the Conference Room of the Fellowship Hall
- 10am Crafty Crafters at CITP, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Poetry Discussion Group, Galloway Ridge
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 22
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 23
Church Office Closed

- Sunday, November 24
Reign of Christ Sunday
- 9am Exploring Together Class, on Zoom
 - 9am Grace Ringers Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
 - 9:15 Worship Service, Indoors
 - 11am Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
 - 2pm Prayers for Racial Justice, Mt Zion
 - 3pm 3rd-8th Graders' Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
 - 3pm Parents Meeting with Ginny, The Gathering Room
 - 5pm 9th-12th Graders' Youth Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 25
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 26
Office Hours 9am-1pm

Session Notes

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

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! Mission co-worker Karla Koll has posted a letter of update. To read it, [CLICK HERE!](#)

NEW! To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Cookie Soup", [CLICK HERE](#).

Can You Help?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BLOOD DRIVE

20 DECEMBER 2024

Planning Meeting November 26, 1pm
Contact: Andrew Taylor-Troutman

NEW! Chapel in the Pines has been

- 10am Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 1pm Meeting with Red Cross, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 27
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY

Thursday, November 28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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.



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



asked by the Red Cross to host a blood drive on Friday, December 20. They think our location will be a perfect fit. This is a wonderful way that our church can serve the larger community.

Andrew is meeting with Red Cross employees on Tuesday, November 26, at 1 pm. **If you are interested in helping to plan and promote this event,** please reach out to him to volunteer.



We are planning to have the beautiful Poinsettia display in the sanctuary that we have had in past years. To help offset the cost of the Poinsettias, we ask that you consider contributing toward the cost. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and will be available until Sunday, 12/8/24. If you forget to sign up, but wish to, send Teresa an email before 12/8 and she'll write your name on the sheet. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



If you are a church member who does not have a Realm account, but would like one, you can let Teresa know and



Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
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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](#)

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NURSERY/ CHILDCARE

Partners for Racial Justice is meeting this Sunday at 2pm at Mount Zion. Please join us as we pray together for change!

CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE UPDATE!!!

WE NOW PROVIDE CHILDCARE AT THE 9:15AM AND 11AM SERVICES ON SUNDAYS, AS WELL AS OUR COMBINED 10AM SERVICE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!

CONTACT: JOELLE BRUMMITT-YALE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WITH ANDREW
EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7:00PM
● SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 18
CHAPEL IN THE PINES - FELLOWSHIP HALL AND ON ZOOM!

Youth Events/News

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays through December 18 as Andrew leads a Bible Study at 7pm

There is also an option to Zoom. If you wish to join by Zoom, click on the red button below around 6:59pm! **NOTE THERE IS NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY 11/27.**

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

Worship Updates

DECEMBER WORSHIP: Please note that we will have **one combined worship service at 10am during the month of December.** We hope everyone will continue to come, and worship together as one big church family.

Sermon Transcripts

UPDATED! 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 November 17.

CLICK HERE TO READ ANDREW'S SERMON TRANSCRIPT FROM 11/17

CITPPC YOUTH GROUPS



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, jbrummitt@citppc.org

CHAPEL IN THE PINES

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

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service on Sundays, as well as the 10am combined worship on the second Sunday of the month. 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
SUNDAY 11/17

Save the Date

Advent Wreath Workshop
Sunday, December 1st
9am, Hall for All



Join us to create an Advent wreath with candles and fresh greenery for your home.

We'll have everything you need!
Please sign up here (or in the narthex):



(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

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

POTLUCK SUNDAY



We will have a potluck following the combined worship service on December 8. To sign up to bring a dish and/or help with set up/clean up, click on the yellow button below.

Contact: *Deb Rogers*

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK](#)

SIRENS OF CHATHAM
2ND ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

14 DECEMBER 2024 * 7:00 PM

CHAPEL IN THE PINES
314 GREAT RIDGE PARKWAY
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

Sirens of Chatham will perform their benefit concert again this December 14 at 7pm. We hope you will be able to come and hear the sweet, sweet music this group provides!

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

Come join the Choir for Advent! With the church moving to one service for the Month of December, now is a wonderful time for members who normally attend the 9:15am service to sing in the choir. All interested singers can just show up to rehearsal Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We will work on a little of the music for November, but we will spend most of our time of Advent and Christmas music for December. We would love to have you join us!

Contact: *Jeremy Nabors*



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 currently reading and discussing Jim Wallis's Book *The False White Gospel*.

All women are welcome!

Contact: *Marcia Ladd*

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.

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



Pastor's Musing

Finally, Comes the Poet

“Suppose we did our work like the snow,” muses Wendell Berry, “quietly, quietly, leaving nothing out.” It’s been too long since I’ve witnessed the beauty of snow blanketing the yard and woods. However, during our time in the mountains, Ginny and I would spend mornings gazing at the falling snowflakes while snuggling on the appropriately named loveseat. Quietly, quietly, until the kids awoke.

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Rejecting Christian Nationalism,
Reclaiming True Faith,
and Refounding Democracy

FOREWORD
BY EDDIE
GLAUDE

THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL

New York Times bestselling author of *God's Politics*

Jim Wallis

"WALLIS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATES WHY HE IS AMERICA'S PROPHET AND MORAL PHILOSOPHER." —OTIS MOSS III, SENIOR PASTOR, TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE

Here in the South, snow shuts everything down. It's countercultural to avoid being frenetic and busy, but Berry argues that snow is actually more effective because it doesn't omit anything. In "How to Be a Poet," Berry urges writers to "make a poem that does not disturb the silence from which it came." Could we all work like that? Perhaps pray like that?

A word search in the Bible for quietness revealed a poignant verse: "In returning and rest, you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15). Salvation and strength suggest something more than the lack of noise, something like the prayer found in yet another Berry poem, "We pray to be quiet in heart and in eye clear." May it be so.

In Hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's article "Go Ask Dad: A father's legacy of love", WRAL.com, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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