

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 are answered in this email!



Fall Worship Schedule

**We are back on our fall
worship schedule!**

**9:15am outdoors (indoors if
weather requires)
11am indoors & livestreamed
10am combined one indoors,
on the second Sunday of the
month.**

*10am Combined
and 11am services
are livestreamed*

**NOTE THIS SUNDAY WE OFFER 9:15AM
AND 11AM WORSHIP SERVICES!**

Q & A



ANONYMOUS ASK OF A PASTOR

Anonymous Ask of a Pastor

Do you have a theological question about the nature of God? Perhaps a nagging doubt or concern? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe about a certain idea? Do you seek spiritual advice for a friend or for yourself?

You are always welcome to contact Andrew or Ginny directly.

In addition, we are offering another opportunity for anonymity.

In the narthex, there is a box and index cards. Anyone can ask a question and then leave it in the box.

Periodically, your questions will be addressed in a service, newsletter, or other form of communication. We believe that others are likely wondering the same thing as you! Perhaps a public response might provide opportunities for discussion in small groups as well.

So, please, ask away!

Please see at the bottom of this email where we usually post Andrew's musing, to instead read "Ask a Pastor" where Andrew will answer a question from the box in the narthex for folks to ask questions. If he has enough questions, he'll answer one each week in this new column. As we said above, please, ask away!

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT INFO IS HERE!



**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE RETREAT 2025 DEADLINE
IS THIS SUNDAY!!!! ALL MUST REGISTER.**



Blessing of the Animals



Next Saturday, September 27
10:00 - noon

Activities for children.
Treats for animals & people.

Earth Care MAC - Chapel in the Pines



NEW! Bring your pet this coming Saturday for our annual Blessing of the Animals. We will gather for a service at 10 a.m. and continue with individual blessings until noon.

All pets are welcome -- all guinea pigs, parakeets, lizards, cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, miniature horses, turtles, fish, mice, pot bellied pigs, parrots, ferrets -- and all others that are a part of your family and loved by you. Please have them contained in a carrier, or on a leash! We can't wait to see all of your beloved pet family members!

Contact: [Susie Smith](#) or [Jordan Heinz-Nelson](#)



Sunday, September 28
11:00AM Worship Service
Sanctuary

Our 7th-12th grade youth group will lead the worship service incorporating elements from our summer conference experiences at Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and Montreat Youth Conference



TRAIL BRIDGE UPDATE

In July, unfortunately tropical storm Chantal washed away both bridges on the trail behind the church. Good news! The bridge on the playground access side of the trail has now been replaced, allowing for out-and-back walks on the trail. The bridge on the pavilion side of the loop will be rebuilt by the youth in an upcoming workday, allowing for a full circuit walk once again.

Take advantage of these bright early autumn days to enjoy nature on the hill behind the church! - Building and Grounds

(We give thanks to you, Building & Grounds!)



PURSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Please Consider Contributing to the Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering (a special, annual offering in the PC USA) supports the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world.

Chapel in the Pines uses these funds right here in Chatham County, to benefit our neighbors who are struggling with re-entry following incarceration. Your contributions support our outreach at the Chatham Youth Development Center, and the women of "Benevolence Farm", who work toward sustainable, independent living.

[Contact: Rebecca Sommer-Petersen](#)

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.

From Our Treasurer

NEW! Click on each button below to see the Exhibits Overview summarize the two exhibits and the Treasurer's Report for August.

CLICK TO READ THE



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sep 25 - Oct 2 , 2025

Thursday, September 25

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship
- 1pm Stewardship Meeting, Gathering Room
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Practice, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 26

Office Closed

Saturday, September 27

Office Closed

- 10am Blessing of the Animals, Pavilion
- 7:30pm Skywatching with Morehead Planetarium Science Staff, Pavilion & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 28

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:15am Worship Outdoors (indoors if weather will not permit)
- 10am Get to Know CITP Class, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Worship Indoors with Livestreaming
- 2:30pm Mt Zion's 172nd Homecoming Celebration
- 3pm 2nd-6th Grade Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, September 29

Office Hours 9am-1pm

Tuesday, September 30

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Church Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 7pm Bible Study with Andrew, Fellowship Hall

EXHIBITS OVERVIEW

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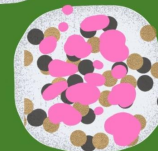
Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Touch the Green Moss", [CLICK HERE.](#)

Activity this Sunday Sept 28th Stepping Stones



Art activity for children and youth between the worship services.



Decorate cement stepping stones for our trail.



Make one for home, too. Have fun.



Sponsored by Earth Care Chapel in the Pines

NEW! This activity is part of our

Wednesday, October 1

Office Closed

- 10am Meeting with Farm at Penny Lane
- 2pm Galloway Worship
- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band, Sanctuary
- 6pm Agape Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 2
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.



Office Hours

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

This Week

Season of Creation

Celebration. Stepping stones along a path can remind us to STOP for a moment and NOTICE the beautiful world God has entrusted to us. Notice the colors of the leaves, the sound of the breeze through the trees, the gurgling water, the distant chirping of birds, the softness of green moss.

Children and youth are invited to come, make a stepping stone this Sunday between the services over in the area by our church playground.

PEACE WITH CREATION



CITP is joining with others around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, a new season in the church year. Each year the season begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and runs through October 4, the day that we remember Saint Francis and his love for creation, especially animals.

Look for information about upcoming Season of Creation activities at our church.

This year's world wide theme is "Garden of Peace" based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictures the creation as desolate -- without peace because of the lack of justice and a broken relationship between God and humankind. When justice is restored, peace will come to all creation -- wild donkeys will find joy, flocks will live in



Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
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Come Find Your Place in Space!

Saturday 09/27, 7:30-9:30pm
Presented by the UNC Morehead
Planetarium and Science Center
at CITP!

THIS SATURDAY! Join us for an exciting, guided tour of space. Look with your own eyes through Dobsonian telescopes, provided by the Morehead Planetarium! See the rings of Saturn, craters on the moon and more! Join with all humankind before you who have gazed at the night skies in wonderment. This will be exciting fun for kids of all ages. There's outside seating under the pavilion; but bring a lawn chair.

This event is being sponsored by The School of Athens.

For more information; and please register [BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

These events are sponsored and paid for by The School of Athens, which is a 501(c)3 independent, unaffiliated, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, and is supported by private monies only. Please consider making a financial gift to help defray the costs of making these high-quality

pastures, people will find rest in quiet places.

[Contact: Susie Smith](#)

Weekly Reminders

NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN DEADLINE



If you wish to have something in our newsletter and/or bulletin, the deadline to guarantee it makes it in that week is 5pm Tuesday. We apologize for any inconvenience.



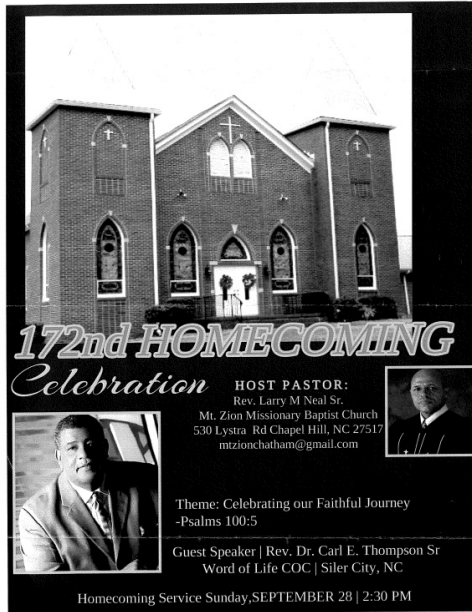
ANDREW'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Andrew is leading a Bible Study
7-8pm Tuesday evenings this fall.
Please join us for Church Family
Dinner and then stay for Bible Study!

This is in person and with a Zoom option!

NOTE: There is no Bible Study this upcoming Tuesday, September 30, due to our Contemplative Service instead.

ZOOM LINK FOR THIS



NEW! There is no Partners for Racial Justice meeting this Sunday. Instead, you are invited to go to Mt Zion this Sunday afternoon as they celebrate their 172nd Homecoming at 2:30pm led by The Rev. Larry M. Neal, Sr.

**Join us on the last Tuesday
of the month for
Contemplative Prayer
in place of our Tuesday night
Bible Study on that day.**



**THIS Tuesday at 7pm
CITP's Sanctuary**

Come on over to the sanctuary this Tuesday September 30 at 6:30pm following our Church Family Dinner to discuss the contemplative practices before the service at 7pm. NOTE: There will be no Bible Study on these Tuesdays that we have Contemplative Prayer.

CHAPEL IN THE PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

TUESDAYS FROM 5:00-6:30
COME ANY TIME!

PLEASE RSVP TO GINNY
BY THURSDAYS AT NOON

QR To RSVP for the Church Family Dinner. Must register no later than the Thursday before the dinner.

CONTACT: Ginny Taylor-Troutman

**CHURCH FAMILY
DINNER IS HAPPENING!**
Register by Thursday of the previous week, and drop in between 5:00-6:30pm for dinner on Tuesdays this fall!

[CLICK HERE OR USE THE ABOVE QR CODE TO REGISTER.](#)

COST:

\$10 per person
\$5 per child (12 and under)
\$30 max per family unit

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Cash at the door
- Check with "Church Family Dinner" in the memo line
- Online by [CLICKING HERE](#). Just be sure to use the drop-down menu and find Church Family Dinner, otherwise your funds will go to the church's general fund.

Contact: [Ginny](#)

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. You can click on the red button below to read Andrew's latest sermon transcript.

Andrew did not preach Sunday 09/21 but if you missed his previous sermon from 09/14 click on the red button below.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
09/14/2025**

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service on and the 10am service on the second Sundays and during the summer months, and the 11am service other weeks. When we have that available, we will share a link to it here.

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**



Greet Our Online Worshippers

You are cordially invited to go to the center front of our sanctuary each week 10 minutes before the combined 10 am or our regular 11am service and also immediately after the end of those services, to say hello to our online worshippers. We do not show the congregation during worship, in order to respect vulnerable members including children, but would like for our online viewers to see those who don't mind being seen! (Children may participate in these greetings with their parents or guardians.) The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER?



The Chapel Hill Mountain Dulcimer Group meets at Chapel in the Pines on the fourth Thursday of every month from 2-4pm. Listeners and beginners are welcome!

*Contact: Marian 469-261-4685 or
Cornelia 919-606-1395*

CHURCH WISH LIST



Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Wish List September 2025

Desired item: Entrance Landscaping
Estimated Cost: \$1000
NEED: \$750 (\$250 has been donated)
Committee Requesting: Building & Grounds

Buildings & Grounds plans to refresh the front landscaping by Great Ridge Parkway.
Contact Bruce Raymond

Thank you who have generously donated toward our wish list items. We have one item left that still has a partial balance of \$750 remaining. Please consider helping if you are able to. We are grateful to all of you who are part of the CITP community!

You are Invited



NURSERY UPDATE!!!



WE CURRENTLY PROVIDE NURSERY CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FOUR 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

CITPPC YOUTH GROUPS



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH GROUP:

Faith Formation for children 2nd-6th grades will meet Sundays from 3-4:30pm in our fellowship hall for a mix of fellowship, Bible study, faith exploration, community building and fun!

Youth group for 7th-12th grade students will meet Sundays from 5-6:30pm in the fellowship hall!

Contact: jbrummittyle@citppc.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Men's Fellowship will meet on the second Thursday of the month in our fellowship hall, and we continue to meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 9am at the Farrington Village Belted Goat. We will be reading and discussing Jill Duffield's book, *Appreciate These Things* through September 11.





Grief and Loss Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or have experienced losses in other areas of life, you are invited to attend to learn how to live with such losses in healthy ways.

The group, led by Terry Hamlet and Meredith Dangel, begins Sunday, October 5 and runs for seven weeks through November 16, from 1-3pm in the parlor at University UMC.

Contact Terry by October 1 with questions or to sign up at hamlet913@gmail.com!

Everyone is welcome regardless of their faith or church affiliation!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

Handbells: We have two handbell groups at CITP. **Grace Ringers meet Sundays from 6:30-7:30pm.** Grace Ringers provides music only on combined service Sundays, so is a great option for early service folks.

Agape Ringers meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm and rings for various services throughout the year. Anyone may join us to ring opening peals each week. All are welcome to join from 6th grade through adults.

Contact: Katherine Brekke

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir helps lead worship at the 11am service as well as the 10am combined services. The Adult Choir is open to singers 6th grade through adults. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Contact: Jeremy Nabors



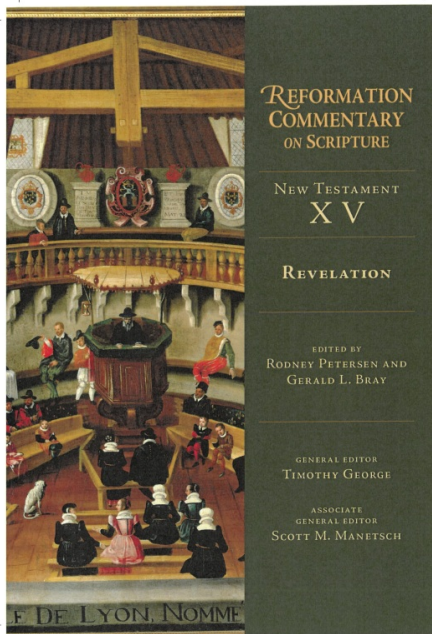
UPDATED! The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the

Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group is wrapping up Jill Duffield's book this week and beginning the week of October 7 will begin a new book *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams! Please know you are invited to join the group for fellowship and wonderful discussions.

All women are welcome!

Contact: Marcia Ladd



YOU'RE INVITED:
BOOK LAUNCH for
REVELATION,
*Reformation Commentary
on Scripture*



Celebrate the release of *Revelation*, the newest volume in the *Reformation Commentary on Scripture* series, with editor Rodney Petersen. This event will offer an inside look at the process of bringing Reformation-era voices to life for today's readers and the significance of their insights on one of the Bible's most challenging books.

EVENT DETAILS:

Boston University Marsh Chapel
Thursday, November 20 | 3:00-5:00 p.m. ET

Discover how sixteenth-century perspectives on prophecy, eschatology, and renewal can deepen our understanding of Scripture today. Hear from the editor, enjoy discussion, and connect with others passionate about biblical interpretation and history.

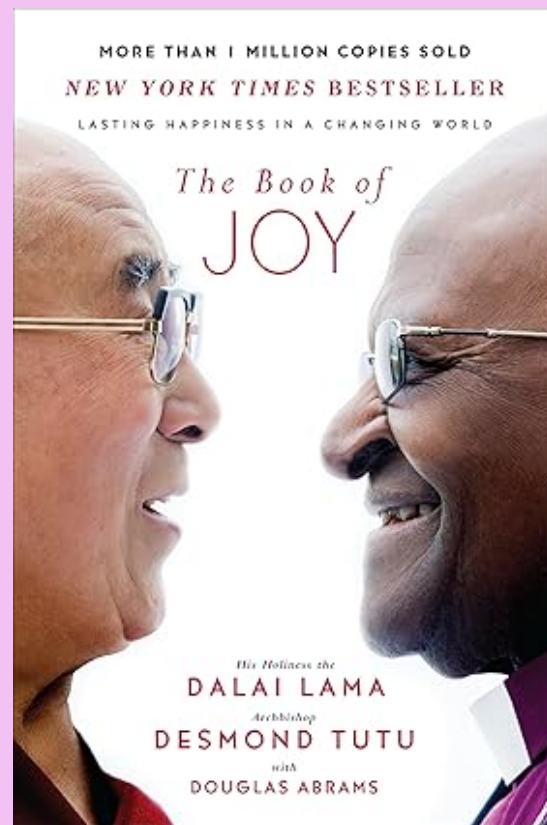


InterVarsity Press

NEW! We congratulate Rodney Petersen on the release of *Revelation*, the newest volume in the *Reformation Commentary on Scripture* series, with editor Rodney Petersen.

A Book Launch at Boston University Marsh Chapel will be held Thursday November 20. This event will offer an inside look at the process of bringing Reformation-era voices to life for today's readers and the significance of their insights on one of the Bible's most challenging books.

We can look forward to a Sunday School class led by Rodney at CITP



soon. More details as they emerge.

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



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

When you hear “deny yourself and take up your cross,” what does that mean to you?

Signed, Curious

This is the latest installment of the new “Ask a Pastor” series. Leave your written questions in the box labeled in the narthex.

Dear Pastor,

When you hear "deny yourself and take up your cross," what does that mean to you?

*From
Curious?*

Dear Curious,

The first thing I do is go straight to the Bible. I notice that Matthew and Luke have almost the same wording, but with an important difference—Luke has Jesus say to take up the cross daily (compare Matthew 16:24 and Luke 9:23). One cannot be executed on a daily basis, so it’s clear that Jesus was speaking metaphorically. He is not suggesting we have a

death wish.

What does it look like, then, to take up a cross on a daily basis? So much of what Jesus taught was contrary to the expectations of his society and ours. Instead of justifying ourselves by title, status, wealth, class, race, or any other category, we are to become children of God. He's very specific about this: just a few verses after the cross-carrying command, he points to children as models of life in God's realm (Luke 9:46-48).

Now, children can actually be cruel. I heard examples the other evening at our Tuesday night supper from parents describing bullying on the school bus.

What Jesus meant is that, in the ancient world, children had very few rights. They lacked status, power, and wealth. A child would not offer the possibility of assisting someone in climbing the social ladder in return for their help – and that's exactly Jesus' point. We extend hospitality, kindness, and compassion to someone without any expectation in return. This is a daily sacrifice, yet it means that we have our hearts in the right place.

If taking up the cross is denying ourselves of the powers and privileges of this world, then serving in Christ's name is taking up his call to care for "the least of these" without expecting recognition, fame, or reward – at least, no reward in this life. As for the life to come, see Matthew 25:31-46.

In hope,
Andrew+

NEW! To read Andrew's article "Go Ask Dad: The walk home" (WRAL.com) [CLICK HERE](#)

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