



Celebrating 20 Years of Worship!

October 2025

Dear Congregation and Friends of CITP,

Forward in Faith—Celebrating 20 Years of Worship is this year's theme as we collectively reflect on gatherings of the faithful in North Chatham for two decades, while considering the future of our ministries in our growing community.

In September, after careful consideration and consultation with its Finance & Administration committee, our Session established a Stewardship Campaign goal of \$525,000 for CITP's 2026 operating budget.

This 6.5% increase over the current year's pledges is doable based on the historical generosity of our annual membership growth.

Enclosed is a letter from Pastor Andrew Taylor-Troutman, pledge card, and return envelope. We ask that, after prayerful consideration, you return your 2026 pledge by Dedication Sunday, November 9, when Pastor Mindy Douglas will assist in celebrating our 20 years of worship.

For new members, Mindy was our organizing pastor (see reverse side) who served until 2016 when she was called to First Presbyterian Church of Durham. We welcome her back on a day when we dedicate our 2026 pledges, tithes and offerings to the glory of God's work in North Chatham.

Gifts of all amounts, and increased pledged amounts, are welcomed. We pray that our participation rate of members will be very high during this celebratory year. 100% participation would be so amazing.

Please pledge/give what you can. We are all, indeed, in this effort together. **Forward in Faith!**

Peace be with you and your loved ones.

Stewardship Campaign Committee

Stan Campbell, Jan Herboth, Lynne Hoerter, Deborah Kay Hughes, Sam Jackson, Debbie Rogers, Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Jerry WehmueLLer, Tim White

P.S.: Pledges may be paid in 2026 with direct contributions to the church; via qualified charitable distributions from IRA accounts; with appreciated securities that are transferred to CITP (do not sell them); from donor-advised funds; and via other means. Please contact Treasurer Tim White for assistance regarding non-cash gifts (treasurer@citppc.org).



Historic Timeline of Chapel in the Pines

- **Late 1990s:** vision of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill to organize a new congregation in north Chatham County
- **2002:** new church development approved by Salem Presbytery
- **2005: began meeting for study and worship at Sunday vespers services, including outdoors at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest**
- **2006:** The Rev. Mindy Douglas Adams hired as Organizing Pastor
- **2006:** morning worship services began at Dockside seafood restaurant in north Chatham County
- **2007:** worship moved to larger space at North Chatham School
- **2008:** church chartered by Salem Presbytery and received its 100th member
- **2009:** twelve acres of land purchased on Great Ridge Parkway
- **2011:** construction of sanctuary and classroom/office after successful capital campaign
- **2011:** first worship service held in the new building on December 11
- **2016:** Mindy Douglas accepts a call to serve First Presbyterian Church of Durham; The Rev. Lynn Stall named interim pastor
- **2016:** ground-breaking for fellowship hall after successful capital campaign
- **2017:** fellowship hall completed
- **2018:** The Rev. Andrew Taylor-Troutman welcomed as new pastor
- **2020:** first online worship service in response to COVID-19 pandemic
- **2023:** successful POMS (Program for Outdoor Ministry Spaces) campaign to improve the playground, build a garden gazebo for special occasions, and construct an outdoor pavilion for services of all types; new outdoor spaces celebrated
- **2025: celebration of 20 years of worship; FORWARD IN FAITH!**

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