

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 or Ask a Pastor answers! Many questions you have about the happenings of CITP are answered in this email!



HAPPY

THANKS GIVING

**The church office will
be closed Thursday
and Friday in
observance of
Thanksgiving. We wish
you all a safe and
wonderful
Thanksgiving!**



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 A
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:15AM (OUTDOORS
IF TEMPERATURES ARE 50 DEGREES OR
ABOVE AND NO RAIN, OTHERWISE, IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL) AND AN
INDOOR AND LIVESTREAMED FOR OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT 11AM.**

**Please NOTE: Beginning next week, December
7, we will begin our one combined worship
service on Sundays at 10am throughout the
month of December.**



Advent

Bible Study

Sunday, November 30, 10 AM

Sunday, December 7, 9 AM

Sunday, December 14, 9 AM

Sunday, December 21, 9 AM

Led by Rev Dr Rodney Peterson

Gathering Room

Zoom option available

The word “advent” means “coming back” or “returning.” As the church remembers the birth of our Savior, we also look forward the restoration of all things when he returns. Rev. Dr. Rodney Petersen leads a Bible study that includes insights from Christian theologians across the centuries. Please join us in the Gathering Room. There will also be a Zoom option available.

- Sunday, November 30, 10am
- Sunday, December 7, 9am

- Sunday, December 14, 9am
- Sunday, December 21, 9am

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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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Nov 27-Dec 4 , 2025

Thursday, November 27
Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday, November 28
Office Closed

Saturday, November 29
Office Closed

- Sunday, November 30
- 8:45am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
 - 9:15 am Worship Outdoors (if temperatures are below 50 degrees and/or raining, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall)
 - 10am Advent Bible Study with Rodney Petersen, The Gathering Room and Zoom
 - 10am Children's Choir Practice, Fellowship Hall Conference Room
 - 10am Computer Program Trainer Meeting, Corner of the

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.



SEASONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR



NEW INFO! The children's choir will rehearse at 10am this Sunday

- Fellowship Hall
- 11am Worship Indoors and livestreamed and uploaded to YouTube
- 3pm 2nd-6th Graders Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, December 1
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Sirens of Chatham Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 2
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am In Focus Photography Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1pm Devoted Readers Book Club, Zoom

Wednesday, December 3
Office Closed

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

Thursday, December 4
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Sirens of Chatham Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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.

November 30, in the conference room of the fellowship hall in preparation for singing in worship on December 14. We will also rehearse at 11am on December 7. All children are welcome!

Contact: Nancy Donny



**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.



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



Pastor on Call This Week:

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

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. You can click on the red button below to read Andrew's latest sermon transcript. (NOTE: There is not one for 11/09 as Andrew did not preach that day.)

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

NURSERYCARE



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



Young Disciples and Families:
Please make sure you return children's Bibles in the plastic bin (9:15am service) or the cart in the narthex (10am & 11am)

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
11/23/2025**

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service on and the weeks we have a combined 10am service, 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
SUNDAY 11/23/2025**

Outreach/ Mission

To read Susie Smith's article "My Assignment is Joy" by Susie Smith, [CLICK HERE.](#)

services)! Also, we'd appreciate it if you could check at home to see if you might have any of the church's copies of the children's Bibles. We're missing several and want to ensure there are plenty for young worshipers to use during worship services.

[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

**We have resumed our regular
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.**





CHUCKWAGON NEWS!

Mike Mannshardt reports that Chatham Chuckwagon had a historic day this week, with 26 people pitching in for cooking 200 pounds of chicken--a new record. They produced 352 servings of "taco chicken", turning out a great looking product and assuring that they are stocked up for the week ahead at Chuckwagon. These meals will be distributed in Pittsboro on Tuesday, December 2 from 4:30 to 6:00, at St. Bart's. Any leftovers will go out to Siler City on the following Friday.

Each package was a full 12 ounces of well-seasoned meat which will be the foundation for dinner in a family that really appreciates a hand in these difficult times. With all of the disruption of food support programs, and the hard economic times in general, the work of the volunteers fills a great need in our community.

So to those of you here at CITP who volunteered, you are appreciated, valued and thanked!



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Adult Vocal &
Bells!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

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

Agape Ringers meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm and ring 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



Women's Fellowship gets together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am.

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Poinsettias



As we prepare to beautify our church for the holidays, we are once again asking our members to make a donation to enable us to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary and the narthex. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex with a **deadline of December 7**. We would like to thank you for your generosity in the past and for your help this year in making our church as glorious as possible!

Contact: [Hope Weber](#) or [Jan Herboth](#)

Thank You!

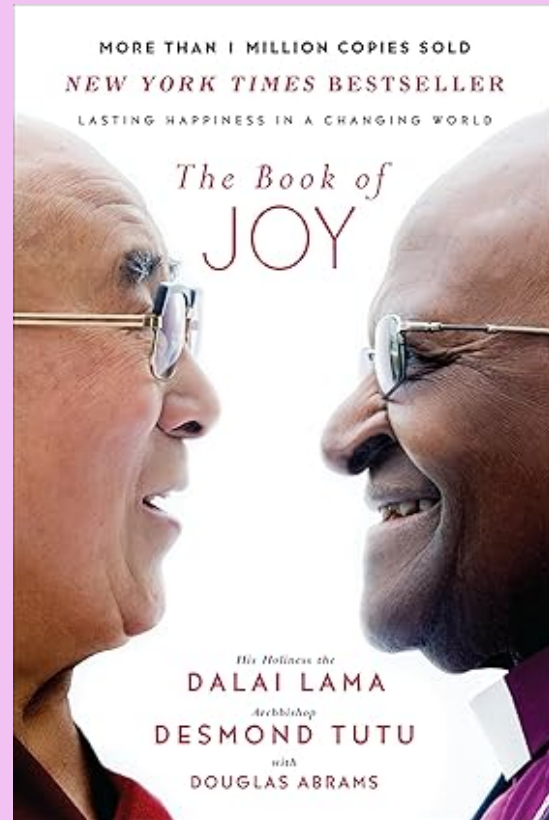
A great big thank you to those of you

They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group is now reading *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](#)



who brought over winter clothing and gear for the annual drive, and to those of you who volunteered to staff the drop off and more!

A special thank you to Debbi Sears, who knitted more than 35 hats, scarves and blankets for both children and adults.

This season we collected: 228 items total here at CITP!

If you learn of anyone wanting to donate, they can swing by the SECU Credit Union.

Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE



*Andrew's
Advent Devotional 2025*

To open a PDF of Andrew's 2025 Advent Devotional click on the blue button below!

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE 2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL](#)



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

What is your
favorite book of the
Bible, and why?

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,
What is your favorite book of the Bible and why?*

Well, friend, I'm going to cheat a little and give a couple of answers. Luke is my favorite gospel because of the parables of the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son (Luke 10:25–37; 15:11–32), and my favorite epistle is Philippians because of “the peace that surpasses all understanding that guards your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7). I think the stories found in Genesis are endlessly fascinating, and I love the poetry of Psalms.

However, if pressed to pick just one, I'd choose the Book of Jonah. I think Jonah is the only book that is actually a comedy.

There is slapstick, namely the big fish that vomits the prophet on dry land. Furthermore, when God calls the prophet to Nineveh, he sets off in the exact opposite direction!

But the holy humor is actually more subtle; it's about overturning expectations. When Jonah is on the ship in the middle of the storm, it is the pagan sailors, presumably polytheistic, who act with fear and reverence toward the Most High God and not the prophet of the Lord asleep below deck.

When Jonah, dripping in fish puke, finally arrives in Nineveh, he preaches the worst sermon ever – only one line and without any promise of deliverance: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” And for his half-hearted and lackluster effort, Jonah is unquestionably the most successful prophet in Hebrew history! He caused the entire city to repent in sackcloth and ashes, from the king all the way down to the livestock!

Rather than celebrating God's mercy, Jonah sulks on a hill outside the city. God causes a little plant to grow and shade the prophet, but when a worm eats the plant, Jonah is so upset that he wants to die. The book ends with God asking Jonah a question: “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?”

While there is much to love in the Bible, this book cleverly questions our propensity for self-righteous justification while embracing the mercy of the Lord with utmost seriousness.

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's latest article "Go Ask Dad: Perfectly imperfect" (WRAL.com) [CLICK HERE](#)

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