

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
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Chapel in the Pines



IMPORTANT NOTE! We highly recommend that you go back up to the top of this page and click 'view on webpage'. If you do not do that, you will not be able to see this email in its entirety. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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!



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 ONE
COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM
INDOORS AND LIVESTREAMED FOR OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**

**Please note: Due to this being Dedication
Sunday and The Rev. Dr. Mindy Douglas,
CITP's organizing pastor, serving as our
guest preacher, we anticipate possible
parking concerns. THERE IS NO PARKING
ALLOWED ON GREAT RIDGE PARKWAY
OR ON THE SIDES OF OUR DRIVEWAY
DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. We urge
people to consider carpooling and to arrive**

early to insure a safe parking spot.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF WORSHIP



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COMING SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**PLEASE NOTE: CARPOOLING IS RECOMMENDED; PARKING
IS NOT ALLOWED ON GREAT RIDGE PARKWAY NOR
ALONG THE SIDE OF OUR DRIVEWAY**

Please join us this coming Sunday as we welcome Rev. Dr. Mindy Douglas back to the pulpit to continue *Celebrating 20 Years of Worship*. Vesper services under her leadership began in 2005 at various Chatham County locations. She served as our pastor from 2006 until 2016 when she was called by First Presbyterian of Durham to lead their ministry.

10:00 Combined Worship Service in Sanctuary
(followed by a congregational photo in front yard)
11:15 Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall/Garden

The Forward in Faith Stewardship Campaign for the 2026 Operating Budget has a goal of \$525,000. As of this week, pledges of \$372,755 were recorded from 68 households (6 are new donors!). 53% of pledgers to the current 2025 budget year have increased their commitments for 2026.

We are grateful, indeed, for pledges of any amount. Participation by our fellow members is a key to fulfilling God's ministry in northern Chatham County and beyond. Collectively, we can make a transformative and sustainable difference with our gifts, time and talents.

Please click [HERE](#) to pledge with ease!

Click [HERE](#) for the Time & Talent form.

Click [HERE](#) for the Potluck sign up (all are welcome whether you can bring an item or not!)

Hope to see you this coming Sunday. And carpool if you can!

Stewardship Campaign Committee

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

20th
Anniversary Celebration
Potluck &
Congregation Photo
November 9, 11am

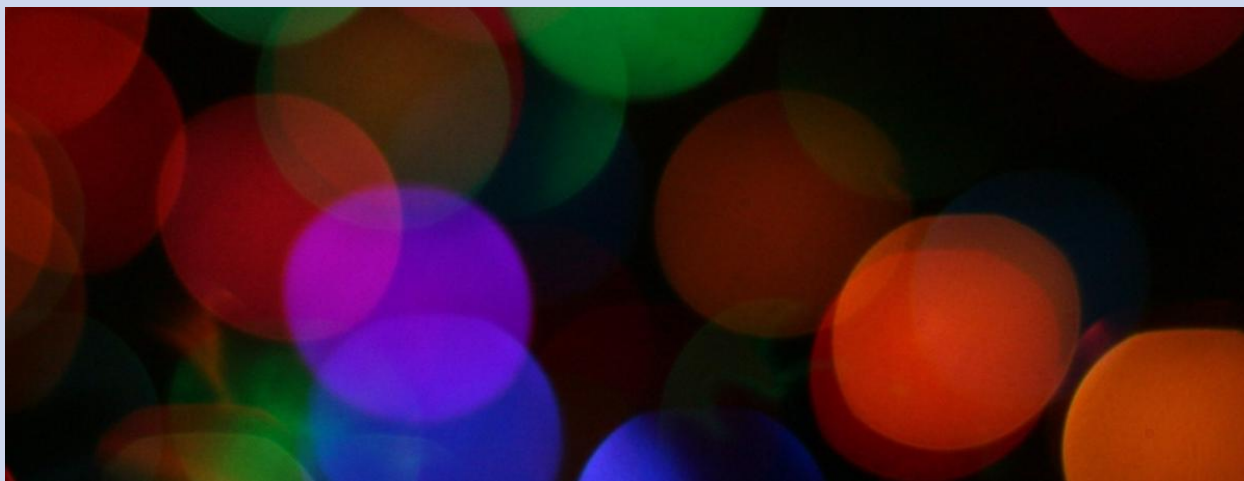
Celebrating 20 Years!!!

THIS Sunday, November 9, CITP will be celebrating our 20th anniversary with CITP's organizing pastor, Rev. Dr. Mindy Douglas, at the single combined 10am service.

Following the service, we will all gather outside to take a NEW Congregation photo. So, mark your calendars! We want all of you there!

We will follow that up with a Southern Comfort Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Get out your favorite Southern dish recipes and don't forget to use the SignUp Sheet (click below)! It really helps us to know what's coming and what we need!

[**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK NOVEMBER 9**](#)



Hold These Dates !! November 16 & 23

The CITP Alternative Christmas Giving Fair will be held on Sundays, November 16 and 23. The fair will be open between the 9:15am worship services and the 11am service - and after the 11am worship service.

The theme for this year's fair is "Giving is a Blessing". This fair will be held before Thanksgiving to emphasize "Alternativeness". It is happening before the Christmas rush in an alternative time slot, offering an opportunity to donate directly to our mission partners.

When you donate directly to a mission partner(s), please select handmade Christmas cards that include a notice to your loved ones that shares that a gift to CITP's mission partner(s) has given in their name(s). It's a three-way gift: (1) to your loved one(s); (2) as support to our partners: (3) and giving from your heart - "giving as a blessing".

There will also be gifts and crafts given by CITP crafters and members for your donations including scented candles and soaps, quilted items, Christmas decorations, and hand-crafted wooden cutting boards and flapping wooden birds for the garden.

Thank you from Jeff Olson



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Help to warm up folks in our community!

November 3 - 24

Mondays and Thursdays 9am-noon

**CITP Fellowship Hall
Conference Room**



Winter Weather Survival Drive

CITP members and friends, once again we are collecting winter weather clothing (gently used, new) for all those that are less fortunate. This is our fourth year as a founding organization supporting this much-needed program. The program is a little late getting started, as many details on the distribution side needed to be worked out. The drive began Monday, November 3 and will run through Monday Nov 24. CITP will be receiving items on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. -12p.m. in the conference room Hall for All. You may also drop off items after worship on Sunday to the same location.

The items we will be accepting are as follows (men's, women's, and children's):

- winter coats (please no light jackets or warm up suits)
- warm hats (please no baseball hats)
- wool socks
- scarves
- gloves
- ski pants and/or jackets
- sleeping bags
- insulated boots (please no other shoes)

- wool blankets (please no light weight blankets)
- heavy insulated hoodies

Please be sure all items are clean, repaired (no broken zippers) and something you would wear. Additionally please share this memo with friends, neighbors, social groups, so that we can maximize the drive to help our friends in need.

This drive will be connected with Feed Well which has several distribution sites in Chatham County as well as food distribution, allowing more distribution in a timely manner.

Contact: Mlherboth@gmail.com or 704-617-9321



**We honor and appreciate
you and your service!**

If you are part of the CITP community and a veteran you are invited to our Family Church Dinner Tuesday 11/11/2025 with no cost for your dinner. **YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER BY THE END OF TODAY!**

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a grid of binary code (0s and 1s) in a lighter blue color. Overlaid on this is a bar chart with several green bars of varying heights. A red line graph is also overlaid, showing a fluctuating trend. In the top left corner, there is a red, jagged-edged speech bubble containing the text 'TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!'.

**TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES!**

A MESSAGE FROM TOM CROSBY, CLERK OF SESSION

To those who enjoy watching on the livestream, thank you for your patience. We believe we have solved the issue that was preventing us from streaming services live. We even have most of the past month's services recordings available now to watch on our YouTube channel. We believe we will be livestreaming this Sunday, but if not, check our YouTube channel for the recording. If you are not subscribed to our channel we highly recommend you subscribe. There is no charge, you just click on the subscribe button and it will notify you when new videos are uploaded!

CLICK THIS BUTTON TO GET TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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 6 - 13 , 2025

Thursday, November 6

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Winter Weather Coat Drive, Fellowship Hall Conference Room

Friday, November 7

Office Closed

- 9am Deb in the Fellowship Hall Preparing for Sunday all day

Saturday, November 8

Office Closed

- 9am Deb in the Fellowship Hall Preparing for Sunday all day
- 9am Church Women United Meeting, Sanctuary and Narthex

Sunday, November 9

DEDICATION SUNDAY

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 10am COMBINED Indoors Worship with Livestreaming
- 11am Church Congregational Photo, Outdoors
- 11:15am Potluck and Dedication Sunday Celebration, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm 2nd-6th Graders Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5:45pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, November 10

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Winter Weather Coat Drive

Tuesday, November 11

Office Hours 9am-1pm

Help Needed

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED
for our Medical Team
for the Safety Committee!



NEW! Rosanne Tiller is a member of the Safety Committee at CITP. The committee has developed protocols to address medical emergencies during Sunday worship.

They are working to identify willing volunteers with ANY type of medical background to serve on the team. They plan to meet only a couple of times a year to review the protocols for responding to medical emergencies and run through a mock scenario. This is an easy and important way to get involved at the church!

Please email [Rosanne](#) directly if you are willing to serve or have any questions!

Happy Veteran's Day!

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Church Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Bible Study with Andrew

Wednesday, November 12

Office Closed

- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band, Sanctuary
- 6pm Agape Ringers Practice, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 13

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Winter Weather Coat Drive, Fellowship Hall's Conference Room
- 9am Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thurs Quenchers, Fellowship Hall

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



CORA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Interested in getting involved as a volunteer, making a huge impact, and working alongside a great group of people to help build a community without hunger? CORA needs your help in our Pittsboro and Siler City Food Pantries!

Get started today by emailing
volunteer@corafoodpantry.org!

Learn more about CORA
at corafoodpantry.org

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.

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

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



PENNIES FOR HUNGER

NEW! This Sunday is Pennies for Hunger Offering Sunday. Please bring your coins to help curb hunger. We also accept paper money in the form of currency and checks! Or you can give online.

Memorial Service Info



SEASONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMING!!!



UPDATED! All interested children are invited to join a choir that will sing the call to worship at both services on November 23 and at our combined worship at 10am on December 14. The final choir rehearsal for singing in the November 23 worship will be Sunday, November 16 at 10am in the conference room in the Fellowship Hall. Short rehearsals following the 9:15 service (or 10:00 combined services) are held each week immediately following the 9:15 service or in the Fellowship Hall's Conference Room most weeks (check here or ask Nancy if you're unsure), and will continue until mid-December. They will be singing Children of all ages are welcome!

NOTE: There will be no practice this week, November 9!

Contact: Nancy Donny



ANDREW'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Andrew is leading a Bible Study
6:30pm 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!



NEW! The memorial service for our beloved Janet Dopler will be held Sunday, November 16 here at Chapel in the Pines at 2pm. Please come to honor the life of Janet. Click the button below to read her obituary.

[CLICK HERE TO READ
JANET DOPLER'S
OBITUARY](#)

Save the Date

NOTE: NEW TIME!

**ZOOM LINK FOR THIS
CLASS**



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!

Note: For Tuesday November 11, to honor CITP's veterans, we offer our veterans a free meal! Thank you for serving our country!

[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](#)



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

Advent Bible Study

NEW! 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.

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- Sunday, December 7, 9am
- Sunday, December 14, 9am
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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.



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

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
11/02/2025**

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.

Unfortunately we were unable to livestream Sunday 10/26 or 11/02 and we sincerely apologize. However, they were recorded and to watch them directly from our YouTube channel, you may click on the buttons below!

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
RECORDING FROM
SUNDAY 11/02/2025**

**CLICK TO WATCH THE
RECORDING FROM
SUNDAY 10/26/2025**



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 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](#)

FYI

Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15-December 7

We have a certified SHIIP (Medicare) counselor, Paul Bolig! He is volunteering to assist with understanding how to navigate the Medicare options!

As many of our age 65+ members know, Open Enrollment for Medicare Advantage and Prescription (Part D) Plans begin October 15 and extend through December 7.

One of our members, Paul Bolig, is a certified SHIIP (Medicare) counselor and has volunteered to assist members of Chapel in the Pines in reviewing their plans and deciding whether a change in either of these plans would be beneficial.

If you are interested in making an appointment with Paul, contact him by text or voicemail at 240.988.6664.

You are Invited

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.



Adult Vocal & Bells!





Still Waters: SUPPORTING MENTAL WELLNESS

Friday November 7, 2025
@ Binkley Baptist Church
1712 Willow Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Registration: 8:00 am-8:50 am
Program: 8:50 am-1:00 pm
Registration Fee: \$35
WAHEC 3.5 CEUs

The need to support mental wellness is growing and identifying strategies to achieve this can be difficult. The goal of this event is to bring together clergy, behavioral health practitioners, family members, and those affected by mental illness to improve open dialogue and increase access to resources in an attempt to improve mental wellness in the community.

This half-day event will include a keynote on The Anxious Generation, a panel of clergy talking about their own experiences and consequent fighting of stigma, and two speakers focusing on resources available in our community. QPR training will be included. Seating is limited.

For More Information
www.fcmi-nc.org

Register Here:



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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. 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.

HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION



**Saturday, Nov. 8th
10:00 a.m.**

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
314 Great Ridge Pkwy

Guest Speakers:

Flicka Bateman
Refugee Support Center

Anissa McLendon
Founder, E3 Camp

November 8 at 10am Anissa McLendon, founder of the E3 Camp, a STEM camp for middle school students of color, and Flicka Bateman, director of the Refugee Support Center in Orange County. They will collect feminine hygiene pads (pads only) for the women served at the Refugee Center. They are a diverse group of women representing many faith communities in the area and they welcome all!

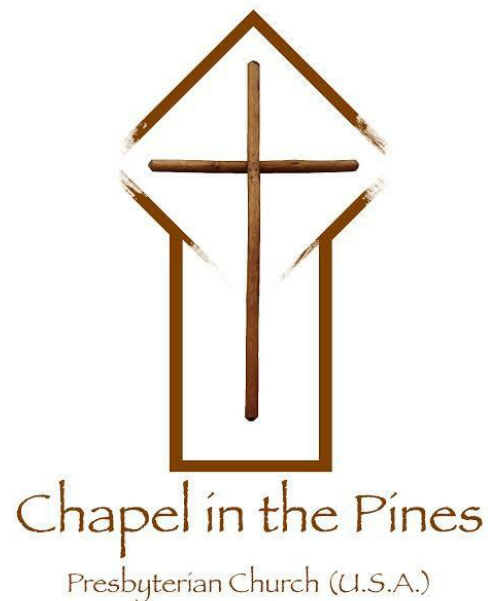
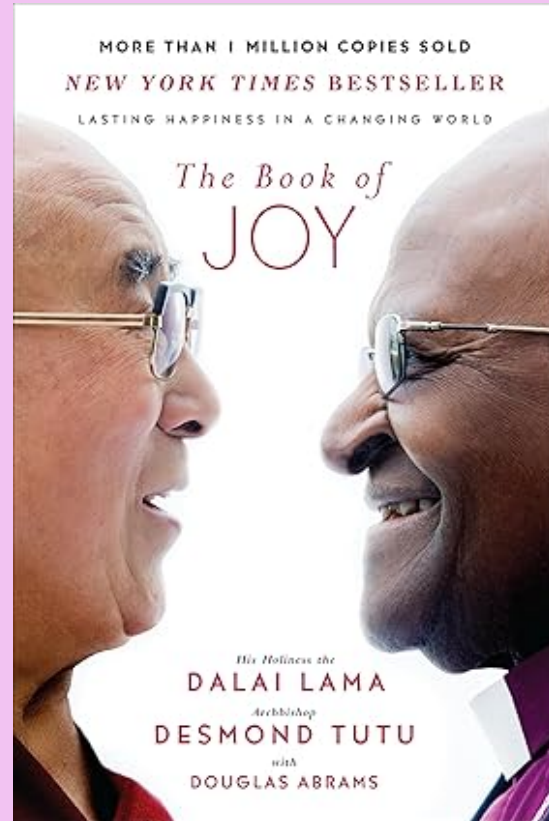
Realm Updates

To access your Realm account or to update your address or other information into it, or to obtain contact information for other members, click on the yellow button below!

**CLICK HERE TO GET TO
REALM**

All women are welcome!

Contact: [Marcia Ladd](#)



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

INTRODUCING



Talk Back with the Pastor

NOTE: THIS WEEK (November 9) THERE WILL BE NO TALK BACK WITH THE PASTOR.

But our regular schedule is, after worship, Andrew will greet worshippers at the door as usual; however, if you would like to participate in a community discussion about the worship service, he will meet you in the Hall for All. This is a time to ask questions and also process the material of the sermon, prayers, music, and other parts of the liturgy. There is a Zoom option as well so that online worshippers can also participate.



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

What is the
meaning of
suffering?

*Signed,
Job*

***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 the meaning of suffering?
Job*

Dear Job,

As you suggest, your question is an ancient one that dates back to the man from Uz and has likely existed for as long as human consciousness itself. And for as long as humans have existed, we have looked to religions for answers to the question of suffering.

The most straightforward answer is that suffering is the result of a god or gods, either as punishment or out of cruelty. However, Job rejects both those conclusions, believing that God is compassionate, not cruel, and that he had done nothing to deserve his pain. I think the wisdom of

that book of the Bible is found in rejecting easy answers as religious truth.

I would not dare to offer any definitive answers to the divine mysteries, but I will lift up two metaphors from scripture. The first is God as a parent – “Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home.” As every parent knows, we cannot prevent suffering, yet the meaning of that relationship is love. How much more is that true of God!

The second image of God is a shepherd. In the ancient world, a shepherd guided the flock from behind. The sheep trusted their shepherd to lead them to safety, even when the road was hard. Psalm 116:9 makes a similar claim of faith: “I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.”

Again, these are metaphors, not complete answers. We walk by faith, not sight, which is to say that God’s ways are always beyond our understanding.

I do believe that the LORD is with us in our suffering. Perhaps you know that God appeared to Job “out of the whirlwind” (Job 38:1). God also came to Elijah as a “small whisper” when that prophet was suffering (1 Kings 19:12). While these two experiences are vastly different, both promise the presence of God in “a peace that surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

In our suffering, may God reveal such peace that provides us the strength to carry on.

In Hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's article "A Glossary of Our Church's Neighbors", (pts.edu) [CLICK HERE](#)

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