

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Welcome, Worship, Witness

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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!



December
SUNDAY WORSHIP

During the month of
December, ONE 10am
COMBINED Indoor
Worship Service on
Sundays





Advent Bible Study

**The FINAL Study is THIS
Sunday, December 21, 9 am**

**Led by Rev Dr Rodney Petersen
Gathering Room**

BLOOD DONATIONS ARE *Essential*



Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Blood Drive

314 Great Ridge Pkwy
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Friday, December 19, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come give blood and get an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, ltd. qty!

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Please give the gift of life-saving blood during this holiday season. The Red Cross is in need!

**10a.m Friday, December 19 here at Chapel in the Pines.
Appointment is recommended.**



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 21

Join us at 10am for a
Service of

*Lessons &
Carols*

The Longest Night

**December 21,
5pm
CITP's sanctuary**

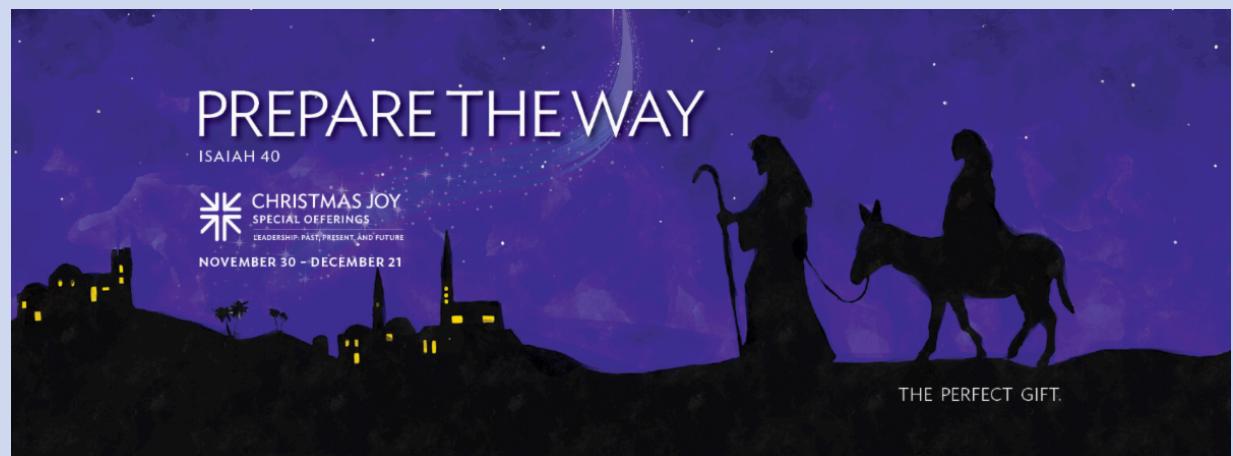


THIS Sunday, December 21 at 5pm, Andrew will be offering a Longest Night Service. This worship is specifically designed for people who are experiencing the pains of loss or heartache at this time of the year. Sometimes, the holidays can be difficult. This opportunity is a simple service of prayer and song. Feel free to invite those in the larger community of family and friends who you think would find this service meaningful.



Please join us this Christmas Eve for Candlelight Worship

4pm & 7pm Worship



Yes, JOY! Christmas is about JOY -- the JOY of Jesus being born. We can "Prepare the Way" for Jesus's coming by giving help where there is a need. By noticing. By seeing. By caring. By looking into someone's eyes and saying "I see you. Help is coming. Help is here." We can help by making the "rough places plain." We can help by making what seems impossible for others -- possible.

THIS Sunday, December 21, we will be collecting the PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of this offering is shared with leaders (like pastors) in our denomination -- past and present -- who need extra help. The other 50% of the offering is shared with emerging leaders,

particularly from communities of color, needing extra support (like scholarship funds).

Our JOY can reach far and wide to help others. Give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering.

We **WELCOME** all people into our community 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.



Dec 18-25 , 2025

Thursday, December 18
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10:30am Poetry Discussion Group, Galloway Ridge
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers, Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Friday, December 19
Office Closed

- 10am Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm Private Student Recital, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 20
Office Closed

Sunday, December 21
LESSONS & CAROLS

- 8:45am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9am Final Advent Bible Study with Rodney Petersen, The Gathering Room

Session Notes

NEW! If you'd like to read the December Session Digest please click on the teal button below.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE DECEMBER
SESSION DIGEST**

From Our Treasurer

NEW! Click on the green button just below to read the Treasurer's Report for November.

**CLICK HERE FOR THE
NOVEMBER
TREASURER'S REPORT**

If you are a church member and would like the monthly financial reports, please contact [Tim White](#).

- 10am Combined One Worship Indoors and livestreamed/ uploaded to YouTube
- 3pm 2nd-6th Graders Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm The Longest Night Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, December 22
Office Hours 9am-1pm

Tuesday, December 23
Office Hours 9am-1pm

Wednesday, December 24
Office Closed

- 10:45am Private Event, Fellowship Hall
- 4pm Christmas Eve Worship (with nursery care for children under four years of age)
- 7pm Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 25
Office Closed

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



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.



Greet Our Online Worshippers

You are 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

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
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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.

Click on the red button below to read his sermon transcript from 12/14/2025.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
12/14/2025**

Pre-recorded Livestream

Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service and the weeks we have a combined 10am service. You may watch it live by [visiting our website and clicking on the link](#) to access

guardians.) The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.

CURIOS 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



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

the services in real time, or we share a link to it here when it is recorded and uploaded to YouTube. **Please use the "chat" function on YouTube to let us know you're watching.**

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 12/14/2025

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! To read an update from the Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll, click on the red button below.



CLICK HERE TO READ KARLA'S UPDATES

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: jbrummittyale@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!



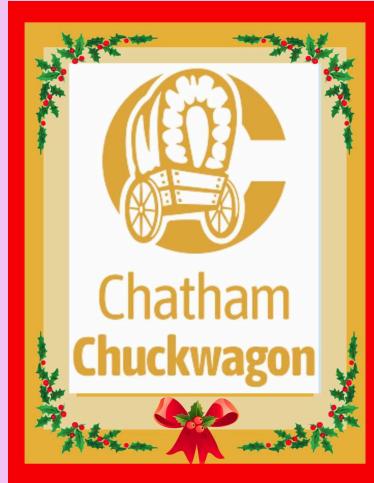
WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

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



HELPERS NEEDED Monday December 22

NEW! More people are needed help cook Monday at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in downtown Pittsboro. You can commit to a small window of time if that's all you have available. Help is needed to prepare meal packs to be given out to people who need food.

[Contact: Susie Smith](#)



NEW! We do not offer PDFs online of our church directory due to security concerns. Basic contact information that you'd find in a directory is available for members through their Realm account.

However, if you are a member and need a printed hard copy of the directory please let Teresa in the office know and she'll be happy to print one out for you to pick up. Again, she can not email them due to security concerns.

To access your Realm account to update your address or other edits, or to obtain basic contact information for other adult members, click on the yellow button below! If you don't remember your sign-

7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

[Contact: Jeremy Nabors](#)



UPDATES! 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.

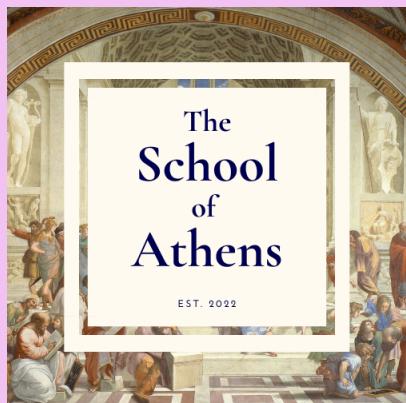
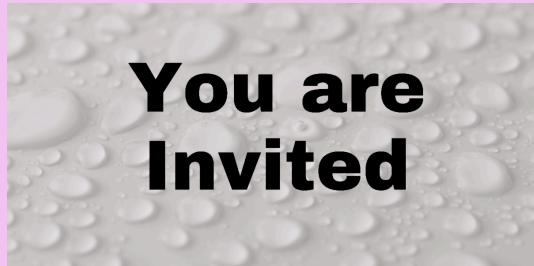
The group is on Christmas break until January 6. Then they will begin studying and discussing the book *Love Letters to God* by Devon Spencer and Katherine Willis Pershey.

Please know you are invited to join the group for fellowship and wonderful discussions.

All women are welcome!
[Contact: Marcia Ladd](#)

in or your password, there's an option for you to reset it.

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Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Join this group as participants read Shakespeare's historical tragedy play about an actual historical event—that of the Roman general and statesman, Julius Caesar. Having been duly appointed dictator perpetuo “dictator for life,” he was conspiratorially assassinated by Roman senators, on the Ides of March 44 BCE, plunging Rome into civil wars. We'll connect the play's timeless themes of power and political leadership, persuasive rhetoric, ambition and betrayal, to considerations of applications for today.

Format: Reading aloud, discussion

Dates: January 10 and 17,

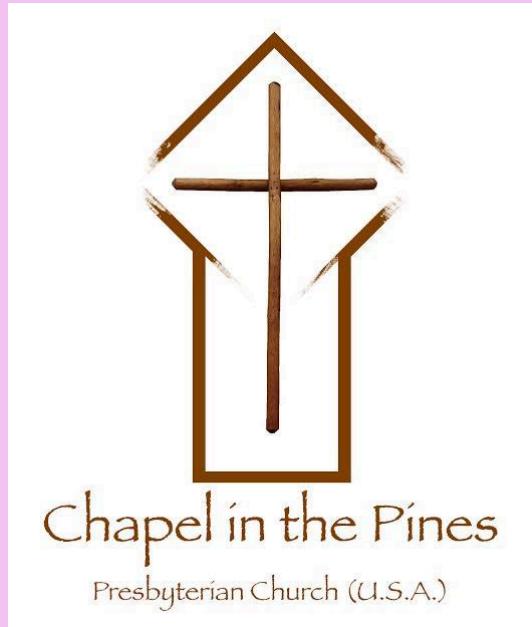
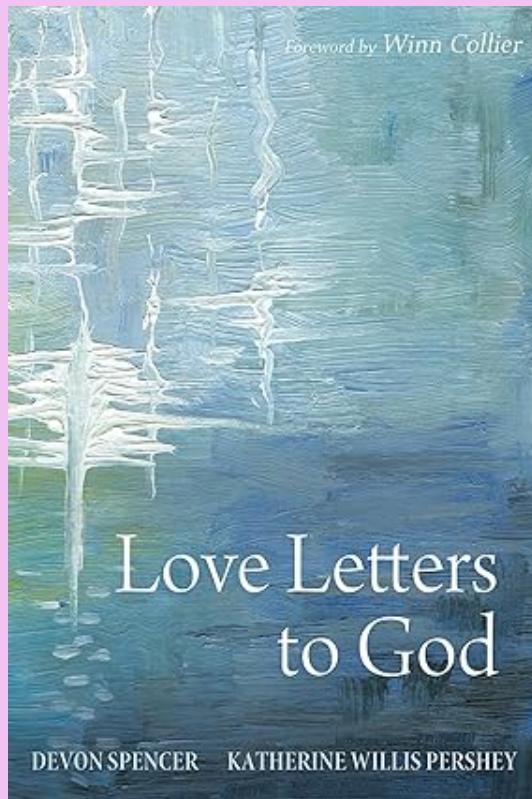
Time: 1 to 3 pm

Location: CITP

Cost: \$40

Instructor: Blaine Paxton Hall,

Register by [CLICKING HERE](#).



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

IF YOU MISSED OUR POTLUCK SUNDAY, YOU MISSED A GREAT TIME AND WE ARE SORRY YOU WEREN'T THERE.

We share these photos of our fellowship.

Photos by Mark Herboth



DELIGHTFUL DISPLAYS DELICIOUS FOOD MEMORABLE FELLOWSHIP



PASTOR'S MUSING

Dear friends,

I wanted to pause from answering your questions to use this space for an invitation. This Sunday at 5 P.M., we offer an additional chance for worship in the sanctuary from 5 to 6 P.M. All are welcome. It's called the Longest Night Service. What, you ask, is that? Why would we do this?

Christmas can be merry and bright but also noisy and busy. Someone might be grieving or suffering a loss or illness. Perhaps they have lost a loved one or have a terminal diagnosis. Maybe they are worried for a child or parent. Maybe they feel burned out and simply want a quiet place. This service is for all these needs and more.

The longest night is a chance to "be still and know God" (Psalm 6:10). We will hear scripture and sing simple songs. There will be time for poetry and

scripture, for silent contemplation and also intercessory prayer. We look for joy in the morning, yet likewise acknowledge that the weeping occurs in the night (*Psalm 30:5*). As poet Jan Richardson wrote, the blessing of the longest night “does not mean to take the night away, but it knows its hidden roads, knows the resting spots along the path, knows what it means to travel in the company of a friend.”

I bet you know that the large beams across the sanctuary’s ceiling are held in place by wooden pegs or trunnels. Perhaps you’ve heard me or someone else say that, before those pegs were inserted into the wood, church members and friends inscribed prayers and blessings upon them. I wasn’t here when this occurred but sometimes, when the sanctuary is quiet, I think I can hear the prayers over my head. God still speaks in “a still, small voice” (*1 Kings 19:12*). I hope you will be able to join me in holy listening.

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's latest article "Little Big Moments: Remembering D. G. Martin, a Man of Letters" on chapelboro.com [CLICK HERE](#)

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