

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 or his Ask a Pastor question and answer in place of it! Many questions you have about the happenings of CITP are answered in this email!



CITP'S ANNUAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 8
10AM**

PLEASE JOIN US!

NEW! Please put our annual meeting on your calendar for February 8 at our combined 10am worship service. We'd love it if all of our members would plan to attend. This will be held during the worship service.



WORSHIP UPDATES

We have returned to our regular worship times:
9:15am indoors until temperatures are 50+ degrees
11am indoors with livestreaming
On the second Sunday of each month:
ONE COMBINED 10am indoors with livestreaming

NEW!

Please note: We are anticipating snow, and/or ice and very cold temperatures this weekend. At this time we are in the planning stages to hold ONE worship service on Zoom at 10am. More information, along with the Zoom link will be in tomorrow morning's email! We hope everyone will be safe and warm in their homes and that we will see many of you on Zoom Sunday!

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNERS ARE BACK ON!

TUESDAY NIGHT CHURCH DINNERS

NEW TIME: 5-6pm



Sign up for the Tuesday night dinner by the Thursday before! Link is emailed out Tuesday evenings.

Contact: **Ginny Taylor-Troutman**



ANDREW'S BIBLE STUDY, and WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

Andrew is leading a Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings this season. Please join us for Church Family Dinner at 5 p.m. and stay for Bible Study! There is a Zoom option for the Bible Study.

Please note: On the last Tuesday of the month, there will be a Wholeness and Healing service in the sanctuary in place of Bible Study.

CLICK HERE ON ALL BUT THE LAST TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM TO JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY WITH ANDREW

Beginning February 1

9:15 Service*: Sacred Art

*also at 10:00 combined worship services

Following Time With Young Disciples, children ages 4+ are invited to the Sacred Art room to explore the day's scripture through discussion and visual arts and games.



11:00 Service: Sacred Art: Music

Following Time With Young Disciples, children ages 4+ are invited to the Sacred Art room to explore the day's scripture through discussion and music.



[Contact: Joelle](#)

Join us for our



February 8



SHARE THE LOVE VALENTINE POTLUCK

NEW! Join us Sunday, February 8 after the combined worship service. Please bring your favorite dishes to share, sign up to help, or just come for some delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

Please click on the red button below to sign up. That helps us to stay organized - and **please remember to bring an index card with ingredients listed for those who have allergies.**

We hope to see everyone!

[Contact: Deb Rogers](#)

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK

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.



Jan 22-29 , 2026

Thursday, January 22

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Belted Goat at Fearrington Village
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group Practice, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 23

Office Closed

- 9am Private Meeting, The Gathering Room

Saturday, January 24

Office Closed

- 10:30am Private Event, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 25

Office Closed

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 10am Combined Worship on Zoom (link will be in Friday morning's email)

ALL IN PERSON ACTIVITIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED FOR THIS DAY HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

Monday, January 26

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 7pm Session Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday, January 27

Office Hours 9am-1pm

Computer Training

COMPUTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!



Computer Programs Training Sessions will be held for various Sundays from 10am to 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall as noted below. These will be live interactive hands-on sessions. We ask that you bring your laptops or iPads to the sessions. Please join any of the remaining sessions:

- 2/15, 10am-10:45am: CITP Website with Vicky Raymond and Realm with Paul Bolig
- 3/1, 10am-10:45am: Word with Cheryl Krier
- 3/22, 10am-10:45am: Google Docs with Nancy Donny & Winter Donny-Clark
- **TBD, 10am-10:45am: SignUp Genius with Sarah McCormack**
- **TO BE RESCHEDULED 10am-10:45am: Microsoft Excel introduction with Cheryl Krier**

[Questions: Cheryl Krier](#)

Church Wish List

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am InFocus Photography Group
- 5pm Tuesday Night Church Dinners, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Wholeness & Healing Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 28

Office Closed

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

Thursday, January 29

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Manns Crossing HOA Meeting, 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.



(Monday and the "T" days we are open 9am to 1pm!)

Contact: Teresa



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Wish List January 2026

We have longer-term areas where donations are appreciated. No short-term projects.

Endowments
Loan Principal Reduction
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Mission & Service General Outreach

Contact Tim White, CITP Treasurer at treasurer@citppc.org or 910-722-6594

From Our Treasurer



NEW! Be on the lookout for your 2025 Giving Statement from Chapel in the Pines. These will be paper statements sent to your USPS mailbox arriving the week of January 26.

Contact: Tim White, Treasurer

If you are a church member and would like the monthly financial reports, please contact **Tim White**.



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.

Click on the purple button to read his sermon transcript from 01/18/2026.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
01/18/2026**

Pre-recorded Livestream

UPDATED VIDEO! 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 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.

Church Directory

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.

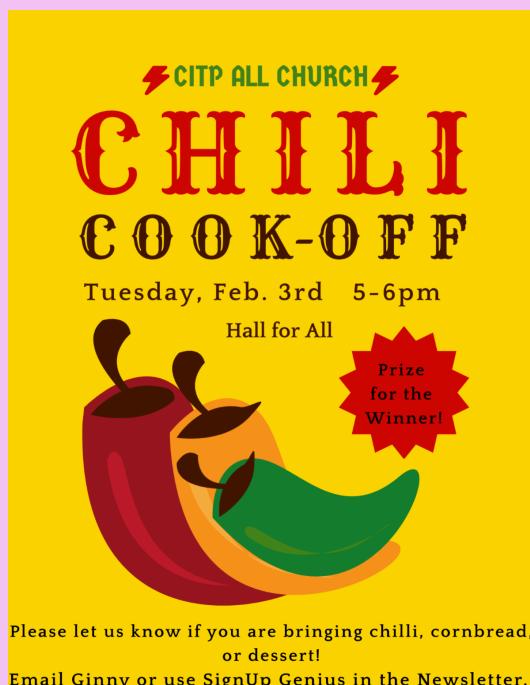
To access your Realm account to update your address or other edits, or to obtain basic contact information for other adult members, click on the yellow button below! If you don't remember your sign-in or your password, there's an option for you to reset it.

**CLICK HERE TO GET
TO REALM**

Flower Ministry

If you wish to subscribe to our YouTube channel, click on the subscribe button once you pull up our page on YouTube. By subscribing, you'll get a notification every time we update our video posts!

CLICK TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM FROM SUNDAY 01/18/2026



Pull out your best chili recipes and bring the prepared prize winner to the Cook-Off February 3 from 5-6pm in place of our Tuesday Night Dinners. This event is free of charge.

*Word on the street is there is a PRIZE for the best chili!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOK OFF



Special thank you to all of those who donated flowers in 2025! We had a wonderful year of beauty for our sanctuary! In fact, 2025 we had the most donors ever signed up! We are so grateful! We hope that we will have another successful year in 2026 and we are asking for your help to make that happen. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. You have a wide selection of dates to choose from at this time, as we still have so many dates still open. We are most appreciative of your support.

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





As the first of a three concert series, Dawn Landes will be performing along with the Lyricosa String Quartet Friday February 6 at 7pm in our sanctuary.

Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted and will benefit Cora Food Pantry right here in Chatham County! We hope you will be able to attend this wonderful start to our 2026 series!



Please plan to join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with the Men's Fellowship cooking the meal on February 17 as we will prepare to move into the season of Lent. This supper will take place at 5pm in lieu of our weekly Family Night Dinners. **We still request you sign up the week before so we know how to plan.**

Andrew will be hosting his regular Bible Study following the supper. All are welcome!

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

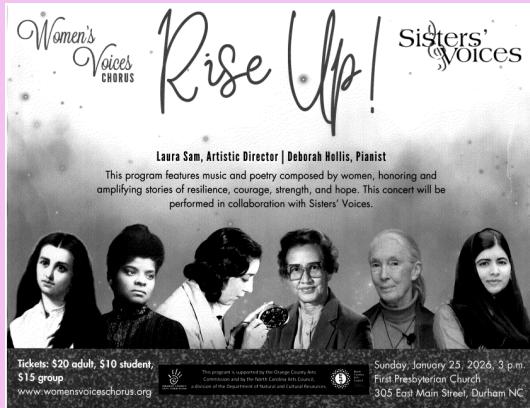
You are invited to go to the center front of our sanctuary each week 10 minutes before the combined 10 am or our regular 11am service and also immediately after the end of those services, to say hello to our online worshippers. We do not show the congregation during worship, in order to respect vulnerable 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 guardians.)** The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.



Ash Wednesday
February 18
Please come and
receive the
imposition of ashes
any time between
8am-noon in the
sanctuary.

Worship will be at
6:30pm in our
sanctuary

All are welcome!



Sunday January 25, 3pm
First Presbyterian Church
Durham

All are invited to Rise Up! By Women's Voices Chorus. The program features music, and poetry composed by women, honoring and amplifying stories of resilience, courage, strength, and hope. This concert will be performed in collaboration with Sisters' Voices. www.womensvoiceschorus.org for tickets, adults are \$20

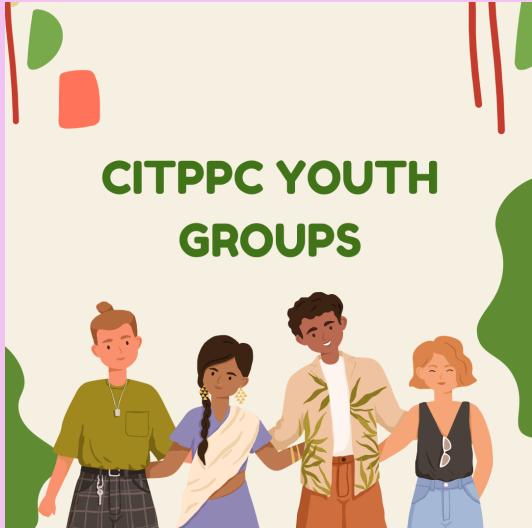


NURSERY UPDATE!!!



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: jbrummityale@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.





**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**TUTORING ENGLISH FOR
SPEAKERS OF OTHER
LANGUAGES & MORE**

TRAINING & MATERIALS PROVIDED

Chatham Literacy partners with O'Mara Landscaping to offer literacy classes to O'Mara employees on company time. For the upcoming term, we need four to six volunteer tutors to teach English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), digital literacy, and possibly landscaping certification programs. Training and materials will be provided, and two tutors will be assigned to each class if we have enough volunteers.

**You can make a difference by
volunteering!**

For more information contact [Marian Olson](#), or call 469-261-4685.



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](#)



All women are invited to join us as we get together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. we have excellent guest speakers,



We will be offering grief support in the near future. Please let Ginny know of your interest or if you have questions about this.

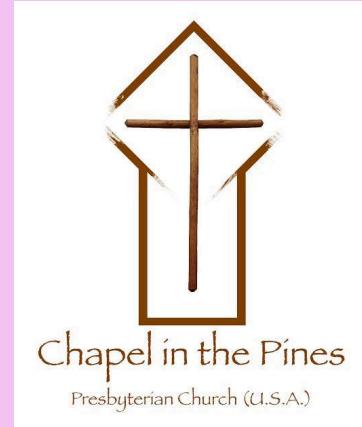
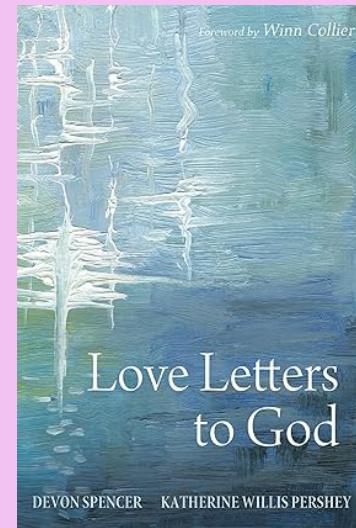
Contact: [Ginny Taylor-Troutman](#)

discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group is currently studying and discussing the book *Love Letters to God* by Devon Spencer and Katherine Willis Pershey.

All women are welcome!

Contact: [Marcia Ladd](#)



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

**A LETTER OF THANKS FROM MELANIE YORK
OF THE WINTER WEATHER SURVIVAL DRIVE**



January 19, 2026

Reverend Dr. Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Pastor
Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
314 Great Ridge Parkway
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Reverend Taylor-Troutman and Church Family,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that now over four years ago we began an endeavor to provide warmth to our Chatham County community that became the Chatham Winter Weather Survival Drive. You and the Session have been steadfast in your support and encouragement over these years. I want to express gratitude to you, the Session members and the wonderful, invaluable volunteers for collecting and delivering donations. Special thanks to Mark Herboth and Deborah Kay Hughes for their extra dedication and kindness. Thank you to the congregation for the ongoing generous donations. This was a particularly challenging year due to my family obligations. However, while we had a late start and abbreviated collection period, due to the support of Chapel in the Pines we persevered.

We held two distribution events in Siler City with 500 in attendance and in Pittsboro with 112 people in need receiving winter items. In addition we provided items to Salvation Army of Chatham, Chatham County School System McKinney-Vento, Love Chatham Transitional Housing and others. An estimated 1000 winter coats and countless other items have been collected and distributed from November to date. The Chatham Winter Weather Survival Drive mission to provide warm protection from the dangers of winter weather by collecting and distributing winter outerwear, blankets and sleeping bags has been made possible and greatly enhanced by the support, encouragement and kindness received from Chapel in the Pines. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Melanie Y. York, Director
Chatham Winter Weather Survival Drive Program

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ASK A

PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

*What was Jesus like
as a child?*

Dear Pastor,

What was Jesus like as a child?

The Gospels jump from the birth of Jesus to his adult ministry, with the exception being Luke's story of 12-year-old Jesus in the Temple. More on that below.

But first, there are extracanonical gospels, which are texts not found in the New Testament, that provide stories about Jesus as a child. "The Infancy Gospel of Thomas" describes Jesus from 5 to 12 years old. He is presented as a precocious child who studied the scriptures and had magic powers. For instance, he made 12 clay sparrows and then brought them to life. Interestingly, this story is also found in the Quran.

Far less adorable, there are stories of Jesus cursing and killing two children because they teased him! When the boy's parents complained to Mary and Joseph, Jesus caused those parents to become blind! Jesus later reversed these curses, resurrecting the dead children and restoring the

sight of their parents. He made a feast out of a single grain of wheat and stretched a wooden board so that it fit the bed Joseph had made. He also healed James, his later disciple, from a snake bite and brought a man back to life who had fallen off a roof!

While entertaining, the early church fathers, like Eusebius, recognized that these stories were written down long after Jesus lived (probably in the fourth or fifth century), and so they considered them to be legends. That's why they are not included in our New Testament.

However, Luke 2:41–51 contains a story from The Infancy Gospel of Thomas. Jesus is 12 years old and stays behind his parents to study in the Temple. We can discern from that text that Jesus already had a remarkable understanding of the scriptures (the rabbis were impressed). His family was religiously observant, so it is likely that they regularly attended their local synagogue. Perhaps Jesus was mentored by local rabbis and other teachers. By the age of 12, he had also developed a strong sense of this divine mission: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” That response is a little cheeky, right? It suggests tension with his parents, which is later reflected in his adult ministry (see *Matthew 12:48–50; Luke 8:19–21*).

According to the New Testament, Jesus did not curse little boys, but he did cast out demons. He didn’t cause people to go blind, but he did restore sight, heal diseases, and bring people back to life. Did he practice these miracles as a child?

It’s fun to think about!

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's latest article titled "Called" on substack.com [CLICK HERE](#)

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TALENT 2026 FORM**

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