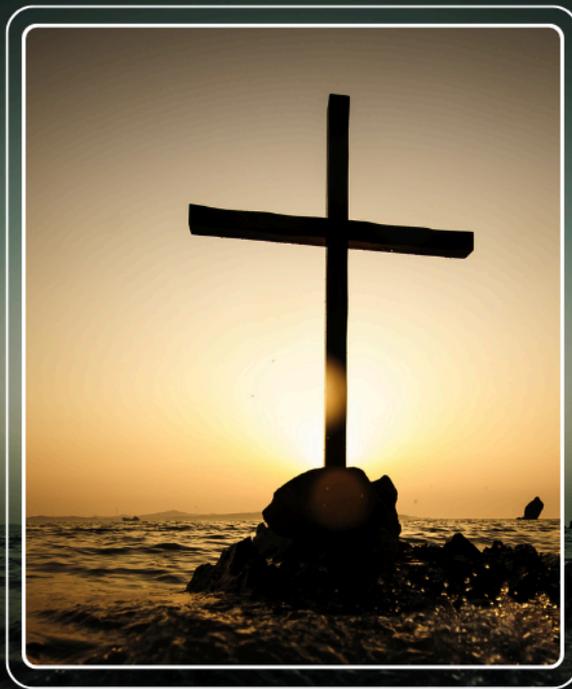


Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Welcome, Worship, Witness
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WISHING YOU A MEANINGFUL LENT FILLED WITH
REFLECTION, FAITH, AND GRACE.

Holy Week

Schedule

Palm Sunday

3/29
9:15AM,
11AM

**Maundy Thursday
Dinner & Worship**

4/2
6PM

Good Friday

4/3
7PM

Easter Sunday

4/5
7AM, SUNRISE
10AM

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 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!



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



EASTER FLOWERS

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN

THE NARTHEX

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY

MARCH 29

WE ARE A LILY-FREE FACILITY



EASTER FLOWERS: We will have flowers in the sanctuary for Easter. We request that you help defray this cost to CITP by **offering a donation** towards the purchase of the flowers. We will **not be having Easter lilies** as we have in the past in an effort to make our sanctuary free of lilies which may cause possible **allergic** reactions.

We still need some more donations. Please sign up **no later than NEXT Sunday, 3/29/26**. Your donation should be sent to the CITP office, placed in the offering basket or completed online in Realm. Just please make sure to indicate they're for Easter Flowers. Even if you sign up on Realm, we request you

STILL sign up on our sign-in sheet as well so we can acknowledge your contribution properly.

Questions? Contact Hope Weber or Jan Herboth

Donate Gently Worn Clothing, Spread Love

Clean out your closet and give your gently used items a new life.

Join us in making a difference by donating clothes to the women of Benevolence Farm who have recently been released from prison and need clothing.



A CALL TO ALL WOMEN

Do you have clothes you are not wearing?
If so, we can give them a second life!

Benevolence Farm is one of our mission partners. It provides exemplary support in employment and housing to women who have been incarcerated

and are being released from prison. The women leave prison with few possessions. This is where you come in! The Mission & Service Committee encourages you to prune your closets and drawers of women's clothes you are not using and bring clothes bags to the conference room in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, March 30.

If the hall is locked and it's during open office hours (Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-1pm) Teresa will be happy to unlock it for you! Cyndi Christopher and Ann Turnbull will deliver the clothes to the women within the week. When they have taken clothes to the ladies of Benevolence Farm in the past, the women are so overjoyed to have an opportunity to be out of prison garb and into clothes enabling them to blend into their new environments.

[Contact: Ann Turnbull 785-218-7611](mailto:Ann.Turnbull@785-218-7611)

Looking to get more fit?
We recommend that you consider
joining the Holy Mowers of CITP!



Riding and push lawn
mowers provided!

Contact: Bruce Raymond

Since the beginning of Chapel in the Pines the lawn mowing at our beautiful campus has been done by wonderful church volunteers, the Holy Mowers. This has been a great way for many to give back to the church as well as save the church the expense of outsourcing the mowing. Money that can better serve our community. Lately it has fallen to few volunteers that have been mowing for many years. They need a break!

This is a great opportunity to give back to the church, to be a part of such a fabulous and hip crew, and get some exercise. The church owns and provides the lawn mowers needed to mow. All we need are volunteers to push and ride (we have a riding mower for most of the lawns and push

mowers for the tighter places). It takes about an hour to an hour and a half to mow (less time if two people mow - say father/mother and an older child). We try and mow some time in the latter part of the week so the lawn looks good for Sunday. However, when you mow is totally up to you. So here is a great no cost, great healthy exercise opportunity. The more folks who volunteer, the less often your turn will come back up!

If interested please see Bruce Raymond (he is a church a lot) or call/email/text. (919-260-6400, bvraymond127@gmail.com). He will be glad to answer any questions.



WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

Due to the last week of this month being Holy Week, Andrew will lead the Wholeness and Healing Service in the sanctuary THIS Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30pm! We hope you will be able to attend.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 6pm, Hall for All

*Join us for a simple
vegetarian meal and worship
with Communion as we
remember The Last Supper*

RSVP by 3.30 to Ginny at
ginny@citppc.org
or fill out google doc here:



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.

Session Notes

To read the Session Digest for February
2026, click on the orange button below!
[Contact: Tom Crosby, Clerk of Session](#)

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE FEB 2026 SESSION
DIGEST**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mar 19-26, 2026

Thursday, March 19

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10:30am Poetry Discussion Group, Galloway Ridge
- 7pm Private HOA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 20

Office Closed

Saturday, March 21

Office Closed

- 9am Haw River Clean Up

Sunday, March 22

Office Closed

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:15am Worship Service with Sacred Art, Outdoors if temperatures are above 50, Indoors otherwise
- 11am Worship with Sacred Art: Music, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed/Uploaded to YouTube
- 3pm Singing Resistance, Sanctuary
- 3pm Prayer Meeting for Racial Justice, Mt Zion Baptist Church
- 3pm 2nd-6th Grade Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, March 23

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 24

Office Hours 9am-1pm

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

Wednesday, March 25

Office Closed

- 7:45am Chatham Literacy, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Grief Counseling, The Gathering Room
- 5:30pm FINAL Lenten Study with Jordan, Fellowship Hall and Zoom
- 6pm Agape Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 26

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship, The Belted Goat, Ferrington Village
- 10:15am Private Event, The Gathering Room

From Our Treasurer

You can now access CITP's monthly financial reports if you're a member! This [CLICK HERE](#) exhibit serves as a guide. In "Files" click "Treasurer Reports 2026".

The March Financial Presentation is now available in the Treasurer Reports folder.

Questions? Contact (CLICK ON NAME TO EMAIL) [Tim White](#) or call him at 910-722-6594.

Treasurer's Report

To read the February 2026 CITP Treasurer's Report, click on the green button below.

[Contact: Tim White](#)

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE FEBRUARY 2026
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Church Wish List

- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Practice, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers

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!)

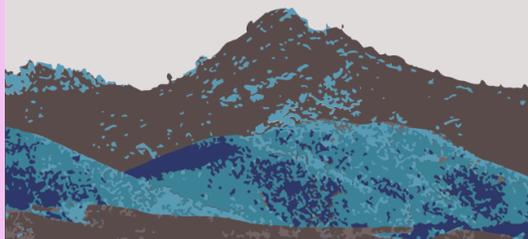
Contact: Teresa

This Week

SO WHAT?

The Brief Statement of Faith and Why it Matters

2/25/26 - 3/25/26
 Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30
 Online & In-Person
 Chapel in the Pines



Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church 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

Weekly Reminders

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**

Join Jordan Heinz-Nelson for her **final** class in her Lenten Study, "So What?" Wednesday March 25 from 5:30-6:30pm in our fellowship hall or join in through Zoom (link below in the melon colored button).

Contact: Jordan Heinz-Nelson

**CLICK THIS BUTTON
TO JOIN JORDAN'S
FINAL WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LENTEN STUDY
AT 5:30PM**

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.



Pastor on Call This Week:

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



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.

Memorial Service Info

Memorial Service for Amanda Briggs

Chapel in the Pines
Saturday, March 28, 3 pm



Please join us Saturday March 28 at 3pm as we celebrate the life of our

beloved Amanda Briggs.

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 below to read the PDF of Andrew's Sermon from 03 15 2026.

CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S LATEST
SERMON TRANSCRIPT

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.

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!

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

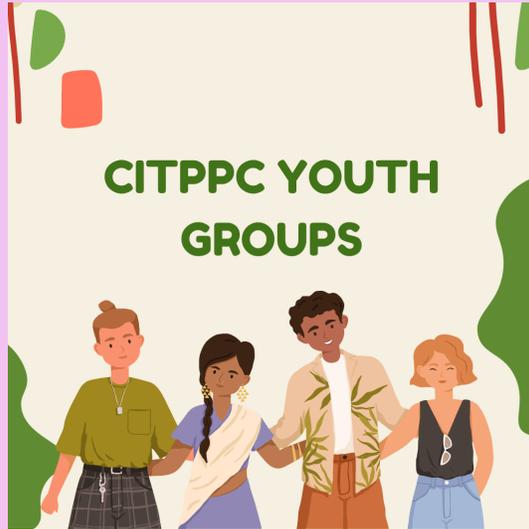


Illustration of four diverse young people (two men and two women) standing together, representing the youth groups.

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: jbrummittiyale@citppc.org

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.



CLICK TO WATCH THE
WORSHIP FROM SUNDAY
03/15/2026

**You are
Invited**

Come Join the Fun!
Celebrate the Baha'i New Year
(NawRuz)
with food, music,
dance & friendship.

Saturday March 21 6pm to 9pm

Woods Charter School
160 Woodland Grove Lane
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dinner will be served.
Bring your family and friends!

Naw-Ruz translates to "New Day." It is the Baha'i New Year and the Persian New Year, celebrated on the vernal equinox. It symbolizes the first day of Spring and symbolizes a time of spiritual renewal.

Sponsored by the Baha'i Communities of Pittsboro and Chatham County.

**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

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.



CHOIR

**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](#)

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



Please sign up to bring flowers to brighten our sanctuary on Sundays this calendar year. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. You have a wide selection of dates to choose from particularly fall dates, 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](#)

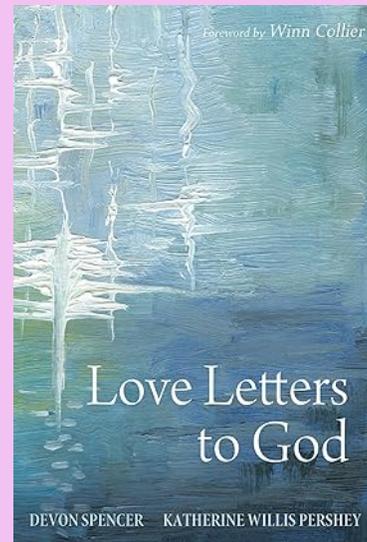


All women are invited to join us as we get together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. we have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

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](#)





Chapel in the Pines

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

What does the word “justify” mean?

Dear Pastor,

What does the word “justify” mean?

This question was asked in Jordan Heinzl-Nelson’s wonderful study of the *Brief Statement of Faith*, a confession of our denomination that reads, “The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith.” Every word in that sentence might be unpacked, but I’ll begin with the idea of justification.

“Justification” can have a legal connotation in which the accused is either cleared of charges or pardoned for crimes. In cultic religious practices, such as the Temple in the Old Testament, justification was made by making offerings and sacrifices, often involving the death of an animal. Such sacrifice is often correlated with the death of Jesus on the cross as atonement for our sins.

However, there are other ways to think of it. In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul connects the work of justification to the work of the Holy Spirit, who “pours God’s love into our hearts” (Romans 5:5). This scripture

is one of those cited in the *Brief Statement of Faith* for the above phrase, “The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith.”

If justification is the ongoing, continuous work of the Spirit, then we should note another meaning of the word "justify." Instead of a legal scene, justification entails being in a “right relationship” with God. Atonement then becomes a sense of "at-one-ment," or being one with God. This definition extends beyond the idea of punishment for sins into what it means to worship the God in whom “we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

Think of a life-giving relationship in your life, perhaps with a family member or friend. You know that, for that relationship to stay healthy or "right," it takes ongoing work, commitment, and care. The same is true with God. Therefore, the Christian life is one of discipleship, including sacrifice and generosity. This is faith in action or "faith with works" (James 2).

But through the Holy Spirit as ever-present and ever-renewing, God is continually forgiving us and drawing us into a more profound relationship with the Lord and also to one another in the body of Christ. This free, unmerited, and unconditional gift is known as grace. The creed says it very well: “The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith.”

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's latest article titled "Go Ask Dad: In the family way" on WRAL.com, [CLICK HERE](#)

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