

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 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





We are in need of dedicated people to serve as elders and deacons!

Please complete the nomination form found in the narthex.

You may nominate yourself!

See Andrew with any questions.

NEW! Please prayerfully consider fulfilling this need for us and serving the church. We will have a congregational meeting to vote on candidates Sunday, May 10. We hope you will be in attendance, and that you have nominations as well!

**PRAY FOR OUR 6TH-12TH
GRADERS' YOUTH & THEIR
LEADERS WHILE THEY ARE
ON THEIR SERVICE TRIP
APRIL 17-19**

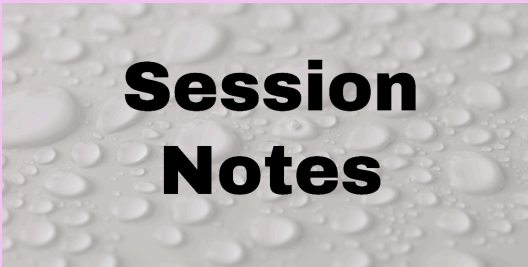
Some of our middle & high school youth , along with their leaders, are off on a trip to the Charlotte CROSS Mission, April 17-19. Please pray for them enroute, and that they will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding them as they learn, grow and connect with other youth on this trip.

NEW! Please keep our middle and high schoolers and their leaders in your prayers for safe travels and a meaningful mission service trip. They will return Sunday.

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 the March Session Meeting, click on the pink button below.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE SESSION DIGEST**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Apr 16-23, 2026

Thursday, April 16
Office Hours 9am-1pm

Friday, April 17
Office Closed
Middle Schoolers & High School Service Trip

Saturday, April 18
Office Closed
Middle Schoolers & High School Service Trip

Sunday, April 19
Office Closed
Middle Schoolers & High School Service Trip

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:15am Worship with Sacred Art, Pavilion when the temperature is 50 degrees or higher and there's no rain; otherwise, indoors
- 10am Celebration of Jordan's Ministry with CITP, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Worship with Sacred Art: Music, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed/Uploaded to YouTube
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, April 20
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Nana's house
- 1:30pm Finance & Administration, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 21
Office Hours 9am-1pm

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

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:45am Chatham Literacy, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Grief Support, The Gathering Room
- 6pm Agape Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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.

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

- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 23


Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship, The Belted Goat
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group, 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

Pastor on Call This Week:

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

many dates still open. We are most appreciative of your support.

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




**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



**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

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 Easter Sunday. **He did not preach this week so there's not one from 04/12.**

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!

CLICK TO WATCH THE WORSHIP FROM 04/12/2026

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT MEETINGS FOR CITP PEOPLE

First & Third Wednesdays of each month at 10am, Galloway Ridge



These meetings are open to all CITP people. Non-residents of Galloway Ridge who plan to attend should contact Joan Zollinger (contact information on Realm) who will submit your name to the reception desk in the lobby and someone will come and accompany you to the meeting.

Please be prompt to arrive before the meeting begins so the meeting is not interrupted. The next meeting is: this Wednesday, May 6.

Questions: please contact Barbara Strange or Andrew.



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

Can You Help?

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

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.

NURSERY UPDATE!!!

NURSERYCARE

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

An illustration of four diverse young people (two men and two women) standing together, smiling. They are dressed in casual, modern clothing. The background is light green with some abstract shapes.

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! **NOTE: No Faith Formation this Sunday.**

Youth group for 7th-12th grade students will meet Sundays from 5-6:30pm in the fellowship hall! **NOTE: No Youth Group this Sunday.**

Contact: jbrummittiyale@citppc.org

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.

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.

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Concert Series

<p>Beginning February 1</p> <p>9:15 Service*: Sacred Art</p> <p><small>*also at 10:00 combined worship services</small></p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>11:00 Service:</p> <p>Sacred Art: Music</p> <p>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.</p>	

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.

CHAPEL IN THE PINES PRESENTS

ABIGAIL DOWD

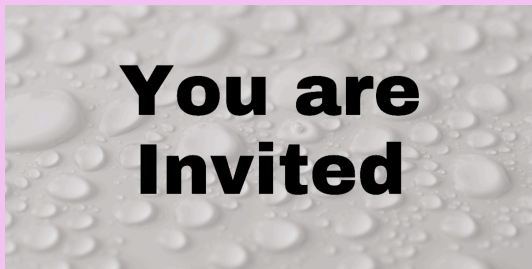


**7PM, FRIDAY
APRIL 24**

CHAPEL IN THE PINES
314 GREAT RIDGE PKWY
CHAPEL HILL

ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT  FOOD PANTRY

SAVE THE DATE!
You will not want to miss this show!




ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON



triangle youth music

TRIANGLE YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE
is raising funds for NYC!

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH | 5 PM
CHAPEL IN THE PINES CHURCH,
CHAPEL HILL
FREE TO ATTEND! NO TICKETS NEEDED!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH | 5:30 PM
THE RIALTO THEATRE,
RALEIGH

VISIT
TRIANGLEYOUTHMUSIC.ORG/EVENTS
TO PURCHASE TICKETS





Grace McCormack will be performing with this group here Sunday. They are opening for Wynton Marsalis tomorrow evening at UNC. All are welcome!

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

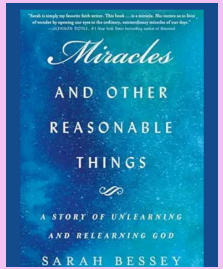


All women are invited to join us as we get together every week in the fellowship hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. we have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group are reading the book *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey. We hope the ladies of CITP will join the group for that.

All women are welcome!

Contact: Marcia Ladd





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Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION
*Is grace
something that
can be sought
after? Isn't it a
gift from God,
freely given?*

Dear Pastor,

*Is grace something that can be sought after? Isn't it a gift from God,
freely given?*

Thank you for your question! I recently read a reflection by Kathleen Norris in which she considered grace in light of the story of Jacob and the ladder to heaven (see [Genesis 28:10–17](#)).

This story begins with Jacob fleeing from his older brother after he schemed and cheated Esau out of his birthright and blessing. Exhausted, Jacob the Trickster finally fell asleep and dreamed of a ladder or “stairway to heaven” (nod to Led Zeppelin fans) with angels “ascending and descending” upon it. Notice that the angels were first “ascending” or going up; Jacob understood that they had been on the ground right beside him! He woke up and exclaimed, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!”

Such is grace, freely given. Not only was Jacob unaware of it, but he probably felt abandoned and alone. God revealed the gift of divine presence in a powerful way.

Jacob had slept with a rock, presumably to ward off his furious brother, but after his vision, he created an altar to God with the rock. Give the trickster some credit; worship was the right response.

I also wonder if we should worship God wherever we are. Perhaps that would open our awareness to the grace that is always around us. As Mary Oliver wrote, “Attention is the beginning of devotion.”

In hope,
Andrew

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