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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!

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# COMING SOON!



## Summer Combined Worship

**One combined  
summer  
worship service  
indoors at 10am  
June 7 through  
August 30**

*This service is  
also livestreamed*

# Pentecost Sunday

**THIS Sunday,  
May 24**

**You're  
invited  
to wear  
red!**

## **Pentecost is a New Creation**

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 117-119)

According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty ruach (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it ruach YHWH, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28-29) the ruach is to open everybody to God’s future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is

establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost's new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. ...

Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Without the gift of the Spirit, Christ's church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its missing as God's new people. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ — the church.

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Remembering and honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER & HONOR

**Please note:** The church office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

We wish you all a safe Memorial Day weekend.

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# WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

**Our Wholeness and Healing Service for May is on Tuesday May 26.  
We hope you will attend.**

## **The Future of Church\***

**\*(with a capital C)**

*Exploring the ways Christ's Church is evolving today*

**Tuesday Night  
Mini Study led by  
JOELLE AND ANDREW  
MAY 3-19, 2026**



**Thank you to all who attended the Future of the Church (with a capital c) study! If you were unable to attend or would like to view**

the materials from the class, you can access resources from all three sessions, by clicking [HERE](#).

Reach out to Joelle at [jbrummittyle@citppc.org](mailto:jbrummittyle@citppc.org) with any questions.

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

**May 21 - 28, 2026**

**Thursday, May 21**  
**Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 10:30am Poetry Discussion, Galloway Ridge

**Friday, May 22**

**Office Closed**

- 10:15pm Private Meeting, The Gathering Room

**Saturday, May 23**

**Office Closed**

**Sunday, May 24**

**Office Closed**

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:15am Worship with Sacred Art, Pavilion when the temperature is is 50 degrees or higher and there's no rain; otherwise, indoors
- 11am Worship with Sacred Art, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed/ Uploaded to YouTube

## 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 Sunday May 17.

**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.

- 3pm 2nd-6th Grade Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, May 25**

**Office Closed for Memorial Day**

- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 26**

**Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am In Focus Photography Group
- 5pm Private Meeting, Conference Room of the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Wholeness & Healing Service, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, May 27**

**Office Closed**

- 7:45am Chatham Literacy, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Grief Support, The Gathering Room

**Thursday, May 28**

**Office Hours 9am-1pm**

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Belted Goat, Fearington Village
- 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.**

**By subscribing, you'll get a notification every time we update our video posts!**

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM FROM SUNDAY**

**Thank You!**

The wish list request by Communications & Technology committee for a backup streaming computer achieved its goal of \$2,000! Thanks to all of you who contributed!

**Treasurer's Report**

CLICK on the green button below to read the April 2026 Treasurer's Report.

[Contact: Tim White](#)

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

# This Week



**Pastor on Call This Week:**

Andrew Taylor-Troutman  
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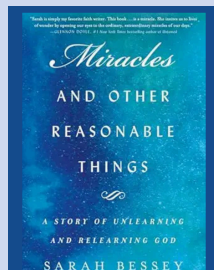
**Weekly  
Ongoing Events  
&  
Reminders**



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](#)



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.



## WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

**Handbells:** We have two handbell groups at CITP, Grace Ringers and Agape Ringers. This Sunday is the last week of weekly practices and they will resume in the fall. We thank both handbell groups for gifting us with beautiful music this season!

[Contact: Katherine Brekke](#)

**Adult Choir:** The Adult Choir has completed its season. Be on the lookout for information about our summer choir to come out soon! We thank our Adult Choir for the gift of their magnificent voices for us this season.

[Contact: Jeremy Nabors](#)

## 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.**



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 to reset it.

**CLICK HERE TO GET TO REALM**

## 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, June 3.

Contact: [Barbara Strange](#)

## NURSERY CARE UPDATE!!!



WE PROVIDE NURSERY CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FOUR YEARS OF AGE DURING OUR COMBINED 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE.

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!

**NOTE: May 31 is our final weekly meeting dates for this school year. We will resume weekly gatherings in the fall.**

Contact: [jbrummityale@citppc.org](mailto:jbrummityale@citppc.org)

# Church Wish List



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](mailto:treasurer@citppc.org) or 910-722-6594

# 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".

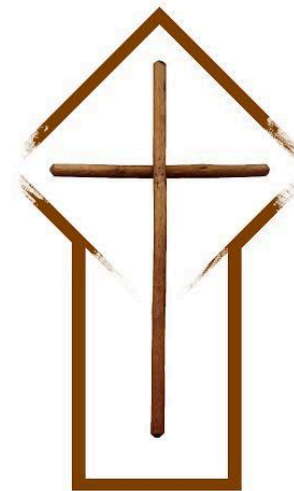
The March Financial Presentation is now  
available in the Treasurer Reports folder.  
Questions? Contact (CLICK ON NAME TO  
EMAIL) [Tim White](#) or call him at 910-722-  
6594.

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

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



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Until next week...

GRACE & PEACE



# PASTOR'S MUSING

## First Commandment at the Pool

Since time immemorial, the first commandment at the pool has been the same. Moses came down from the holy mountain with a chiseled tablet: **THOU SHALT NOT RUN**. Ever since, legions of whistle-blowing lifeguards and exasperated caregivers have sought enforcement. And for good reason: the pool deck may not look slippery, but those are famous last words. Safety first.

It's also true that the pool is an exciting place. Your friend comes through the gate. You want to get a head of steam before leaping off the side into the water. When it comes to the snack machine or diving board, you want to be at the front of the line. You know the rule, but though the spirit is willing, the flesh is so weak.

Like any tribe or clan under authority, kids have sought methods to bend but not break the law. There's the staggered gait, alternating running with walking every couple of steps. I've also seen kids skip, hop, and shuffle side-to-side. Once, I heard a child protest to the lifeguard that he had been running backwards, so it didn't count! The lifeguard wasn't buying it. While the child's argument was creative, it may have been even more dangerous.

The number one strategy to avoid the lifeguard's whistle is to speed walk. The key difference from running or jogging is that your feet do not leave the ground. To my eye, a speed walker looks like they are rushing to the bathroom. Maybe they are. But it is technically not running!

This past week, I heard the whistle blow and looked up in time to see a lifeguard calling out a running dad. I happen to know this fellow father, and to his credit, he acknowledged his infraction with a sheepish wave of the hand. A rule is a rule. He should try speed walking; I hear it's easier on the knees.

In hope,

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