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## CPC Highlights for the week of December 18, 2025

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*Chapin Presbyterian Church exists to magnify Christ in hearts, homes, and the world.*

**DECEMBER 18, 2025**

**THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE**

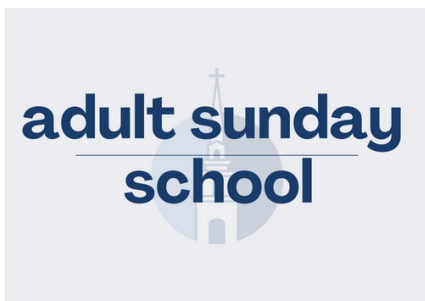
**WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.**

**"IT HATED ME FIRST"**

**MATTHEW 2:16-18**

**REV. SCOTT DINKINS**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**



8:30 a.m.

The Book of Zechariah - Family Center  
(no nursery)

10:45 a.m.

Sermon Discussion Class (Rm 221)  
Marriage Matters (Family Center)  
The Book of Zechariah - Sanctuary

## CHURCHWIDE NEWS

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Come join us for a Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24th at 5pm! We will remember and celebrate Christ's Birth as we read and sing together. A family friendly service that everyone loves as we anticipate the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ!

### DOWNING OF THE BROWNS

On December 28th, following the worship service, please help us take down and store our Christmas decorations.

### NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

Please save the date February 13th-15th. Contact Leslie at [secretary@chapinpres.com](mailto:secretary@chapinpres.com) if you are interested or for more information.

### SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not have Sunday School Sunday, December 28th or January 4th. Our Spring Semester begins January 11th. Classes include: Sermon Discussion, Galatians, Trusting God, and Essentials of the Faith: The Nicene Creed.

### YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All charitable contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31st. Thank you for being a vital part of our church family!

**\*\*\*Keep scrolling for important news and dates from each ministry!\*\*\***

### GREETER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 21 -JOHN & FRANCES DERRICK  
RUSS & MAMIE HAMMOND

### RECEPTION DESK

DECEMBER 21 -CHUCK & JAN STAPLES

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP SERVICE: 407

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Offering:

YTD Offering: \$664,400

YTD Expenses:\$574,399

Faith Promise Giving:  
YTD Commitments Received: \$38,875

Building Fund:  
YTD Giving: \$42,550

Mortgage Balance:  
\$161,360

Fiscal year is July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Questions may be addressed to the Finance Committee by calling the church office.

**DECEMBER DUTY DEACONS**  
STEPHEN VANCE AND MIKE STAUFFER

## **WORSHIP CENTER FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are placed by Chapin Presbyterian Church to the Glory of God!!



The flower calendar is available for you to choose your special flower date in memory, honor or celebration of your loved one.  
Some of the dates that are available:

- December 28
- January 4
- January 11
- January 18

Please call the church office at (803) 345-0500 to reserve your date. Cost of arrangement is \$45.

## **CPC MTW MISSIONS**

## Mission Opportunities

Have you ever considered becoming part of a mission team? Maybe you should.

In addition to helping people in need, teams have reported these personal benefits:

- Spiritual growth & deeper faith
- Better understanding of different cultures
- Built strong relationships with teammates
- Gain new perspectives on life and ministry

These trips can also inspire you to become lifelong supporter of missions or to even become long-term missionary. Please consider the following opportunities.

## 2026 Trips, Dates, and Organizers

- Dominican Republic Medical Mission - Team to determine date - Peter Prim 803-206-0069
- Ecuador VBS Support - 6/ 6-13 - Eddie Weathersbee 803-603-7696
- West Virginia Work Projects & VBS - 6/13-20 or 6/20-27 - Martin Shaffer 803-767-5658
- Prague Art/Music Camp Support - 7/10-18 - 18 - Peter Prim 803-206-0069

The MTW Committee needs help!

If you are interested in serving on the MTW committee, please contact the church office or speak to Jim Wilkins, Peter Prim, Martin Shaffer, Eddie Weathersbee, Doug Roberts or Brenda Cassidy.

MTW is investigating sending a music/arts team to Prague to support Baylor and Erin May next summer. Additionally, there are potential Medical Missions trips back in the Dominican Republic and work related ministry in West Virginia. Please see Peter Prim or Jim Wilkins with interest for more information.

Chapin Presbyterian will be sending a team to Montañita, Ecuador to work with Pate Ministries June 6-13, 2026. The team will be assisting in presenting the gospel to children through Bible clubs in the surrounding communities. In addition there is an opportunity to reach many of the young mothers who bring their children by presenting the gospel while teaching life skills.

Please contact Eddie Weathersbee for more information.

803-603-7696 [eddieweathersbee@hotmail.com](mailto:eddieweathersbee@hotmail.com)

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TRIPS** You can help transform lives in the Dominican Republic through Jesus Christ. One of the most tangible ways to participate in life transformation is by serving on a Dominican Republic medical mission trip. We operate mobile medical clinics year-round to bring exceptional care to those who do not have regular access to medical care. These clinics are organized and operated through local churches in communities where we have cultivated meaningful relationships. The investment you make in these people's health will continue to have an impact long after you return home. **WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO COME SERVE?** As a medical trip participant, you will participate in four full workdays of medical care. **WHO CAN SERVE** We welcome the following medical professionals: MD, DO, PA, NP, PharmD, RPh, RN, LPN, Paramedic, EMT,

CNA, OT, and PT, as well as students and non-licensed team members. \*All medical participants are required to pass a background check. MEDICAL MISSION TRIP COST: \$850 + \$25 RESERVATION FEE Price Includes:

\* Meals \* Lodging \* Medical Translators \* Mission of Hope Expenses \* Excursion \* Airport and In-Country Transportation \* All medical supplies \* DATES ARE FLEXIBLE TO SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE

Contact Peter Prim with any questions at [primp@msn.com](mailto:primp@msn.com) or (803)206-0069



**2026 Discipleship Conference**

**Biblical Decision Making**

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Stuart Scott**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 6TH & 7TH**

Save the Date - More Information on how to register coming soon

Professor of Biblical Counseling Bob Jones University & Seminary

## MUSIC

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Weekly choir practice meets each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Contact Allen Jones for more information at [music@chapinpres.com](mailto:music@chapinpres.com).

For this Sunday's song lyrics, click below.

### Sunday Song Lyrics

## READING PLAN

Reading Plans for are available at the information desk. This is a great way to systematically read through the entire Bible, one piece at a time. This week's reading:

12/18/25 Amos 7 & Hebrews 12  
 12/19/25 Amos 8 & Hebrews 13  
 12/20/25 Amos 9 & Hebrews 14  
 12/21/25 Psalm 124  
 12/22/25 Obadiah 4 & James 2  
 12/23/25 Jonah 1 & James 3  
 12/24/25 Jonah 2 & James 4



## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our memory verse for the month is Proverbs 3:7- "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil."

The preschool version is "Obey the Lord and do what is right."

Here's a link to the memory verse song:

### Memory Verse Song

This week in Sunday School, we will learn that Jesus is Our Greatest Gift from Luke 2. Our Christ Connection is that Jesus was born! This was very good news! Jesus was not like other babies. Jesus is God's Son. God sent Jesus to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to rescue people from their sins.

This Sunday is the fourth week of Advent! This week we will focus on PEACE.

Mrs. Kayce and Mrs. Erin have some small Christmas gifts for our HISKidZ! They will be on the clipboard table this Sunday. Please have your child stop by for theirs. We sure love all of our sweet kids!

We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th, at 5pm. It will be a family candlelight service, and we hope all of our families will join us to celebrate!

Please remember as we enter the cold and flu season. If your child has had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within 24 hours of Sunday morning, please keep them home!

We are praying for our families and volunteers to stay healthy and happy this Christmas season!

It's time again to **Fill the Freezer** for CPC families in need! With the holidays approaching, and some of our families affected by the recent government shutdown, we'd like to stock our freezer again! Please take home a foil pan from the back table in the lobby, fill it with a ready-to-cook freezer meal, label it with cooking instructions, and put it in the white freezer in the kitchen for a CPC family to pick up when needed. These meals are such a blessing!

# REFORMED

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Good afternoon, CPC Youth & Families!

Can you believe we are a week away from Christmas?! A lot has happened in our students' lives this past year, full of ups and downs. We have seen God remain faithful to His promises, regardless of how faithful we have been to Him. Dr. Hunt reminded us this past Sunday that God always provides good gifts for us, His people. Sometimes those gifts are hard, but they are always good and used by God to mold us into the men and women He has called us to be. As we close out 2025, may you find time in the midst of this busy Advent season to reflect on His good hand in your life. In preparation for 2026, having been refreshed by God's word, may you resolve to live this ordinary life rooted in Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it!" 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Here is what we have on tap for the next couple of weeks:

### **December 21:**

#### **10:45 a.m. Final Combined Advent Sunday School and Breakfast Club**

Final Youth Combined Advent Sunday School class in CPC's Family Center, 10:45–11:30 a.m. Join us for breakfast and a sermon discussion as we consider Matthew's use of Jeremiah 31:15 in Matthew 2:18.



Attention, Youth Families: we need several families to provide a breakfast casserole to feed 40–45 people at our final breakfast club. Contact Chris Sanders if you can provide a breakfast casserole.

**5:00 p.m. Reformed Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater and White Elephant Christmas Party.** The Church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Families, please bring a Christmas dessert, a 2-liter drink to share, and a white elephant gift (maximum \$20). The Advent topic this week is Zechariah's song of prophecy, known as The Benedictus: "Blessed Be The LORD" (Luke 1:68-79).

#### **December 24:**

##### **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at CPC**

We hope to see you and your family on Wednesday, December 24, for the Christmas Eve service!

#### **Reformed Winter Break: December 28 - January 4 (No Reformed Sunday School or Youth Night)**

**January 2 (Friday) 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Ice Skating at Flight Adventure Park/The Plex in Ballentine @ The Peak Exit.** Cost: Group rate \$12 per person (20 or more people) per hour. Otherwise, the price is about \$25 per person per hour for public skating. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Chris Sanders if you or your student is interested in attending.

**Sunday, January 11, 2026:** Return to regularly scheduled youth activities.

**10:45 a.m.** Sunday School

High School (Room 220): The Book of Esther

Middle School (Room 219): The Doctrine of Sanctification

**5:00 p.m.** Reformed Youth Group; Topic: Joseph, the patriarch of Israel: Genesis 37 - 50

#### **Youth Ski Trip Dates: 3:45 p.m. Thursday, February 12 - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15.**

**This trip is for:** *Reformed Students and their friends. Parents and volunteer leaders* are invited to join us as CPC chaperones with a completed background check.

All middle school, high school students, and their friends are invited to join us for our annual Youth Ski Trip to Winterplace Ski Resort. It will be an action-packed Presidents' Day weekend full of memories, fun, skiing, fellowship, and studying the scriptures.

**Lodging:** Alpine Ministries, 161 College Drive, Mt. Hope, WV 25880

**Skiing:** Winterplace Ski Resort, West Virginia

**Trip Cost:** will range from \$325 to \$450, depending on the number of students attending. You can secure your spot by **submitting a non-refundable \$150 deposit by Sunday, January 25**, and the **remaining balance is due Sunday, February 8, 2026**. Please do not let finances keep you from this trip! Contact Chris if you need a scholarship or to secure your "multi-student discount" for families who may have multiple children attending the retreat.

Sign up today: **Click Here to Register**

**RYM HS FL # July 7 – 12, 2026;** For current 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost will be approximately \$335 per student.

**Middle School SEP (Southeastern Presbyterian) Camp in Ridgehaven, July 20-24, 2026.** The cost will be approximately \$200 per student.

Does your student have any upcoming sports events or performances? I would love the opportunity to support them by attending. Please send me your students' athletic and performance schedules.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Yours in Christ,  
Chris Sanders

### **INFORMATION NEEDED!**

We continue to attempt collect information on our students and ensure we have all pertinent information stored appropriately. Thank you to those that have provided information already. For those that have not, would you please take a few moments to fill out this survey in the link below? It would be greatly appreciated!

Reformed Student Ministry Info Link



### **RETIRED MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The group meets every Wednesday at 9:30am in Room 224.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30am at CPC. There is also an evening group that meets every other Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the church.

Contact Gary Butler for more information at 803-600-5071.



**Women's Ministry Meeting**

Our next meeting will be November 19th, 3-4pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to join our meeting!

**CPC Fall 2025/Spring 2026 Women's Bible Studies**

**Monday Evenings** 6-7:30pm at the home of Mary Wilkins, God Does His Best Work with Empty - A Study on the theme of emptiness in the Bible and how Jesus fills emptiness up. Then second semester will be a study on Acts.

**Monday Mornings** 9:30-11:30 am SAVED Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts. We will meet at the church and childcare will be provided.



The Saintly Seniors meet the third Friday of each month in the Family Center. We enjoy a meal, fellowship and informational speakers. A service project of the Saintly Seniors is *"Fill the Cradle"*. This assists families as they prepare for the arrival of a new addition.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saintly Seniors Lunch  
January 16th, 2026 (Friday)  
12pm  
Program:  
Basics of Estate Planning  
Mike DuBose

Saintly Seniors Lunch  
February 13th, 2026 (Friday)  
12pm  
Valentine's Lunch

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Elders:

Ralph Baker  
Jimmy Knowles  
Chad Reese  
Billy Rowell  
Neal Stoker  
Jason Vick  
Kevin Vickery  
Jim Wilkins

### Deacons:

Andrew Bemis, Chairman  
Buck Balentine  
David Crump  
Toney Higbe  
Danny Peagler  
Mike Pridmore  
Billy Smith  
Mike Stauffer  
Mitch Stephens  
Stephen Vance

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### WE CARE CENTER

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER.:

1. Grits
2. Dry beans
3. Corn Muffin Mix
4. Soups (all sizes/varieties)
5. Canned meat (Vienna Sausages, Chicken, etc)
6. Spaghetti Sauce (plastic jars/cans)
7. Jelly/Jam (plastic jars please)
8. Beans (Pinto, Baked, Pork & Beans)
9. Instant Potatoes
10. Snacks for Children

We also ALWAYS need paper products, toiletries, dish soap, laundry detergent, pet food, and cleaning supplies!  
Thank you!



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