



**Presbyterian Church in America**

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

**DECEMBER 4, 2025**

**THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE**

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

**"HEROD'S LESSON"**

**MATTHEW 2:1-8, MICAH 5:2-4**

**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

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone (35+ members plus kids!) who volunteered to decorate for Christmas! CPC is blessed to have so many willing to share their spiritual gifts!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast Saturday, December 6th 8:00am in the Family Center. Our guest speaker is Adrian Depres. Please Register online. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### KWC CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Save the date for our annual musical "The Mystery of the Missing Manger" on Friday, December 5th at 7pm and Saturday, December 6th at 2pm. It's such a special way to kick off the Christmas season. And you don't want to miss it!

### GIVING TREE REMINDER

Please have all wrapped gifts returned to the church by Thursday, December 11th. Thank you for helping bless these children in our community this Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us Wednesday, December 24th for our Christmas Eve service at 5pm.

### 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, Essentials of the Faith: The Nicene Creed.

### FILL THE FREEZER

With the holidays approaching, please help stock our church freezer again! Foil pans are located on the back table in the lobby. Fill it with a ready-to-cook freezer meal, label with cooking instructions, and place in the kitchen's white freezer for a CPC family to pick up when needed. These meals are such a blessing!

### 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 7 - ANDY STAPLES

DAVID EVANS

## **RECEPTION DESK**

DECEMBER 7 -RHONDA EVANS

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

WORSHIP SERVICE: 353

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

General Offering:

YTD Offering: \$597,019

YTD Expenses:\$520,467

Faith Promise Giving:

YTD Commitments Received: \$33,365

Building Fund:

YTD Giving: \$32,250

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 Brian & Brigette Poirrier in celebration of Madeline's 2nd birthday!



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 21
- December 28

- January 4

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**

### GET READY

When we gather as the church, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we sing to the Lord and to each other. We have a tool to help us come together being prepared to worship, our CPC YouTube playlist (see link above). By listening to the songs for the upcoming Sunday we can "warm up" as a whole-church choir and walk in the doors to the worship center on Sunday morning ready to worship through our songs. Would you spend a few minutes listening a couple of times this week, engaging in personal worship to be ready to join in our corporate worship this Sunday?

## Allen

### **MUSIC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please consider checking into serving with the music and worship ministry at CPC! There's always a need for singers and instrumentalists. We are looking for vocals, guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, orchestral strings (violin, viola, cello, bass). We could use some wind and brass instruments, too. Contact Allen Jones at [music@chapinpres.com](mailto:music@chapinpres.com).

### **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:

12/04/25 Hosea 12 & Philemon  
12/05/25 Hosea 13 & Hebrews 1  
12/06/25 Hosea 14 & Hebrews 2  
12/07/25 Psalm 122  
12/08/25 Joel 1 & Hebrews 3  
12/09/25 Joel 2 & Hebrews 4  
12/10/25 Joel 3 & Hebrews 5

Thank you! Thank you! Mac and Cheese making a difference!

Thank you to all who got up early and baked over 30 Mac and Cheeses and had them to Lake Murray Presbyterian for our annual Church community Thanksgiving prep. (only half of the mac and cheese prep as we share with another church) We prepared over 603 individual dinners, with all the trimmings on that day and then delivered them in the greater Chapin community, including up towards Prosperity and down towards Irmo and Columbia. Many were blessed as Don and I can attest to, through the deliveries we made. Thank you for stepping up once again after all of these many years! It's important to be a part of this greater Christian community and to come together to serve! Setting the example!  
Dolly Montgomery



GoodWorks is seeking “live” actors for roles in the live Nativity cast on Tuesday, December 9th.

Online sign ups are now open, we had several CPC youth participate last year. **click here to sign up!**

Our Mercy Team has constructed the new manger and prepared the parking area. Come experience the Christmas story brought to life!



*Invites you to join us for a  
**Live Nativity and Christmas Drop-In**  
featuring messages from special guest pastors,  
refreshments, children's crafts, and music.*

***Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>***

***5:30pm-7pm***

*115 Birchtrace Court, Chapin*

*(Off of St. Peters Church Rd, next to the GOoD Works office).*

## **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 about when the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon from 1 Kings 10. Our Christ Connection is that like the queen was amazed by the wisdom God gave King Solomon, people were amazed by Jesus' teaching. Jesus is God's Son. He taught with power because He is the King of everything. Jesus came to earth to show us how to live and to save us by dying and coming back to life.

**THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** is our annual KWC Christmas musical!!! Come and enjoy "The Mystery of the Missing Manger" on Friday, December 5th at 7pm and Saturday, December 6th at 2pm. It will be a great time for the whole family! This show is always a lot of fun and a great way to kick off the Christmas season! We hope to see you there!

This Sunday is the second week of Advent! If you haven't picked up your Family Worship Advent Wreath set, be sure to stop by the table in the lobby for yours! Merry Christmas!

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 evening CPC Student Ministry Families!  
Here are a few updates for the week...

### **December 6 (Saturday): CPC Men's breakfast**

All middle school and high school dudes are invited to join the men of the church for breakfast **this Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** and hear keynote speaker Adrian Despres. You can just register today by clicking on **this link** or show up Saturday morning.

### **December 7: Combined Advent Sunday School and Breakfast Club**

Instead of meeting in our regular Sunday school rooms, both Middle School and High School Sunday school classes will combine for a Youth Advent Sunday School class in CPC's Family Center. During the Sunday School hour, 10:45–11:30 a.m. each Sunday of Advent. We will provide a pancake breakfast for our students and Sunday school teachers. We will begin each Advent Sunday in fellowship around the table and end our time together with a sermon discussion. This week, we will consider Matthew's use of Micah 5:2-4 in Matthew 2:6.

Note: Parents, Youth Volunteers, and Teachers – we need your help! If you are available, please meet me in the kitchen to help mix the pancake for cooking. We also need adult volunteers to help cook pancakes, and we will start the cooking process before the worship service at 8:30 a.m. If you are available and interested in serving in these capacities, please get in touch with me.

### **December 7: Reformed Youth Group**

This Sunday, we return to our regular schedule: dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by a few reindeer games, then large group discussions, and concluding the evening with

our small-group discussions. The Advent topic this week is: *Mary's Song of Praise: "The Magnificat, 'My Soul Magnifies the LORD!'"* (Luke 1:46-55).

**Monday, December 8 (A SALT Christmas Party):**

6:00 p.m. SALT Student Leadership Team Meeting

All current juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join us for our final SALT meeting of 2025. After dinner, we will take some time to plan our youth Christmas Party on December 21, reflect on God's faithfulness in our lives, and consider creating goals/resolutions for 2026. We hope that SALT will inspire and equip our upperclassmen to grow spiritually and serve faithfully both here at Chapin Presbyterian Church and wherever God leads them next.

If you are interested in helping with The Good Works Live Nativity and Christmas Drop-In on Tuesday, December 9, from 5:30–7:00 p.m., **please sign up by clicking on this**

Plan ahead (and join us):

Thursday, February 12 through Sunday, February 15: CPC Youth Ski Retreat at Winterplace, WV. The cost will be approximately \$325 to \$450 per student, depending on the number of participants, and will cover lodging at Alpine Ministries, 2-day lift tickets, equipment rentals, meals, and transportation.

July 7–12, 2026: RYM High School Beach Trip to Panama City Beach, Florida. We have reserved 35 spots. The trip will cost about \$335 per student, including conference registration, lodging, travel expenses, and meals.

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.

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday December 6th**  
**8:00AM**  
**Family Center**

**Register  
on Realm or Call  
the Church Office  
Scan Here**



**Adrian Despres**

A gifted Forge speaker, he delivers inspiring and challenging messages to reach those who are spiritually lost and in need of God—and likewise to engage those who are believers and in need of revival for a fully surrendered life. Adrian became a Christian while playing football for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, and from 2000-2015, he served as Chaplain for the University of South Carolina's football team



**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:

1. Boxed pasta
2. Dry and canned beans
3. Jelly/jam (plastic jars please)
4. Grits
5. Canned meats
6. Soups (all sizes/varieties)
7. Spaghetti sauce (plastic jars/cans)
8. Syrup
9. Canned peas
10. Cookies and other snacks



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

## STAY CONNECTED



Download the Realm Connect App on your computer or smart device to connect with us. Did you know you have access to our online church directory complete with photos? This is a great way for members to find addresses and phone numbers. Contact the church office if you need assistance.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for inspirational thoughts, upcoming events, and information. Please like or share our posts with friends and family.



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