

CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fall 2026





Welcoming to All

Growing in Faith

Serving with Love.

Dear Friends,

A new season is beginning at Clinton Presbyterian Church, and we have plenty of reasons to gather.

Maybe you've been part of CPC for years. Maybe you're new. Maybe you're still figuring out where you fit.

That's okay.

Take a look through these pages and see what speaks to you.

A place to learn.

A place to serve.

A place to connect.

A place to wonder and worship.

A place to laugh, ask questions, and grow in faith.

However you find your way here, there is a place for you — and we'd love to have you be part of what's happening at CPC this fall.

In Hope and Joy,

Tracey

Tracey



Anywhere you see this symbol, please click to sign up online!
Or reach out to Ali and let her know of your interest! office@clintonpresbyterian.net

ABOUT US

WEEKLY WORSHIP

We worship every Sunday at 9:30am and all are welcome to join us.

Services are also livestreamed to our YouTube Page.

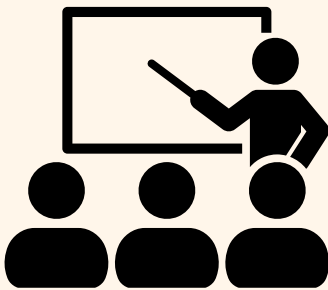


NEW MEMBER CLASS!

WEDNESDAY OCT 21 @ 7PM

Thinking about joining Clinton Presbyterian? If you've been worshipping with us and are thinking about making Clinton Presbyterian your church home, we'd love to have you be part of this online gathering. This is a chance to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how you can get connected. Let Pastor Tracey know of your interest by RSVP'ing [here](#)! Can't make this date? No worries - we will have other gatherings in the near future!

New members will be received during worship on Sunday, October 25th.



ACOLYTES

All children and youth in 3rd grade and up are invited to be an acolyte. Our Acolytes at CPC serve by lighting and extinguishing the candles in the sanctuary as part of the worship service. The light represents the Light of Christ, reminding all of us that God is with us in worship. Look for the acolyte sign up in our weekly email.

WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

Kids are always welcome at CPC! We love the energy, questions, wiggles, and joy they bring to worship. There's no expectation that children sit perfectly still or quietly the whole time—we're glad they're here!

Children are welcome to stay with their families throughout worship. Busy Bags are available at the front and back of the sanctuary with activities for little hands, and worship bulletins help older kids follow along with the theme of the service.

Each Sunday, children are invited to join us for a Children's Conversation during worship. Afterward, children age 6 and under can head to the nursery or return to their seats with their families. Older kids are encouraged to stay and worship alongside their grown-ups.

Nursery care is available for infants throughout the entire service if that works best for your family.

However you choose to worship, we're so glad you're here!

HELPING HANDS IN WORSHIP

Every week, members and friends are invited to help lead and support worship in a variety of ways. From greeting and ushering to scripture reading, AV support, and children's conversations, there is a place for everyone—and training is provided!

Interested in participating? [Email Ali](#) and let her know how you'd like to get involved!



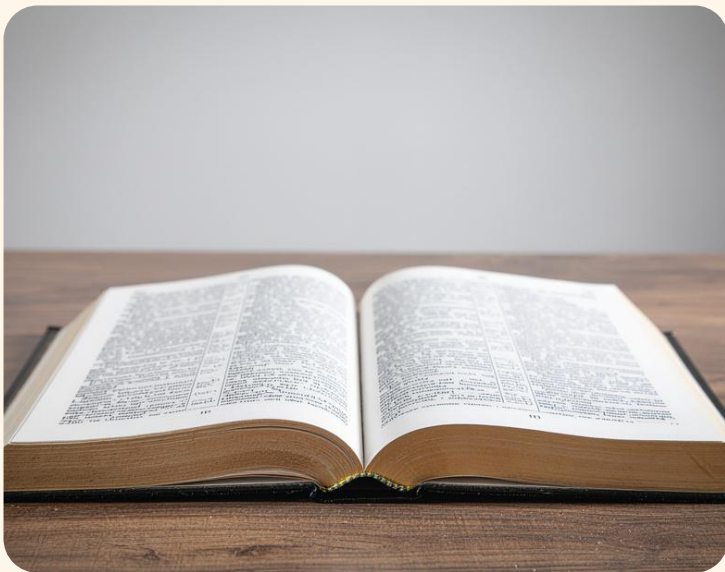
KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

After a summer of travel, rest, and everything in between, we're gathering to reconnect and ease back into the rhythms of church life.

Whether you're new to us or have been around for a while, this is a great chance to catch up, enjoy good food, and look ahead to all that's coming this fall at Clinton Presbyterian. Join us for worship at 9:30am followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Let's start the season together!

FALL SERMON SERIES

Our weekly worship services offer a blend of traditional and contemporary music offerings together with sermons to help us navigate living out our faith in the every day ups and downs of life. This fall, we'll engage with scripture through the following sermon series



THE BIBLE YOU DIDN'T EXPECT - DISCOVER THE STORIES YOU ALMOST MISSED

The Bible is full of surprises — not just familiar parables, but moments we often skim over: Talking donkeys, falling disciples, courageous midwives and more. Join us as we dive into these almost-forgotten stories and see how God shows up in the odd, the overlooked, and the completely unexpected. Begins September 13th.

HIGHLIGHTS IN WORSHIP THIS FALL

SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Join us as we come together once again to serve our neighbors and the town of Clinton with love, joy, and many helping hands!

The Mission Team is excited to host our Third Annual Day of Service—a chance for all ages and abilities to make a difference right here in our community.

Whether you're up for getting your hands dirty with a stream clean-up, prefer baking or cooking meals, or enjoy sharing kindness through encouraging messages—we have a way for you to pitch in.

We'll gather after worship on 9/27/26 for light refreshments, then head out to serve.

Bring a friend, bring your energy, and come ready to serve. Many hands make light work—and joyful hearts make it even better!

If you are interested and want to sign up please [FILL OUT THIS FORM!](#)

If you are interested in being a key person for a certain project, there will be a place to indicate so on the form.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Christina Schlegel (cecmschlegel@gmail.com).



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints' Sunday, we gather to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. We will lift up the names of beloved family members and friends who have passed in the last year. If you would like to have a name included please click the button below or email office@clintonpresbyterian.net.

[ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY](#)

YOUTH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

This year, CPC members, friends, and visitors are invited to attend Youth Sunday on November 15! CPC middle and high school students will be leading the entire service, including crafting the liturgy! Don't miss it!

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 22ND

Let's fill the sanctuary with gratitude and praise as we reflect on the goodness of God and give thanks.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise Team

The Praise Team leads us in contemporary worship music. They rehearse on Saturday mornings, usually around 10am. Rehearsals begin on September 6th and continue throughout the year. Singers and musicians are always invited to join this team and use their gifts to praise God.

Chancel Choir

The chancel choir sings approximately twice a month during our worship services. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm, starting on September 3rd. The choir performs a variety of musical styles including classical, gospel, and modern. The ability to read music is helpful, though not required. You do not have to be a member of CPC to join the chancel choir and no audition is necessary. Please join us as we seek to glorify God through music!

Children's Chorus

At CPC, our Children's Chorus offers songs throughout the year. All kids from Preschool through 5th grade are welcome to join. Rehearsals are scheduled on an as-needed basis and are usually held on Sundays immediately after church service. Our Children's Chorus will lead us during the pageant on December 21st and again early in the New Year!

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will resume this Fall on October 15th. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 6pm and will be led by Ted. Bell Choir is open to people over the age of 8, as long as they can count! No musical knowledge is required.

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to share their musical gifts throughout the year!

Please let Ted (tbrancato@clintonpresbyterian.net) know how and when you would like to participate.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the benediction, meet at the door to head upstairs (pre-k will go downstairs). We'll start off with sharing a snack then head to our classrooms. Together, we'll grow in our faith and learn about the love of Jesus through stories, games, crafts, and various fun activities! Parents are always welcome in the classroom, to help or to lead! **Parent pick up is at 11:30am from the classrooms!**



3 & 4 year olds - Room 1 (Nursery)



Kindergarten & 1st grade - Room 7 (upstairs)



2nd & 3rd grade - Room 5 (upstairs)



4th & 5th grade - Room 6 (upstairs)



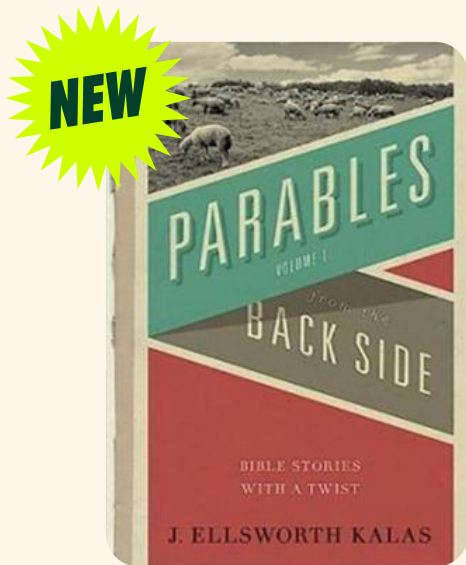
6th-8th grade - Wolverton Building

CALLING
ALL
HIGH
SCHOOLERS!

SERVE. LEAD. INSPIRE. Be a Sunday School Helper! Grow your faith, inspire CPC Kids, earn volunteer hours! **SIGN UP HERE!**

No Sunday School classes - November 29, December 20 and December 27.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS



STUDY GROUP

We're jumping into Robert Ellsworth's Parables from the Backside book this fall and winter. It's a chance to revisit well-known parables of Jesus, but with a fresh lens - asking what we notice when we come at them from a different direction. One chapter per week - Purchase your copy of the book [here](#) and RSVP to the part of this class.

(Classes will not meet during Advent)



LINGERING WITH THE WORD

Good coffee. Honest conversation. A space to linger with the sermon a little longer. After worship, let's gather for a relaxed, no-pressure discussion about what we heard, what stuck with us, and what we're still sorting out. Bring your questions, your thoughts and your morning pick-me-up! All are welcome. No RSVP needed - come and go as you are able.



ADULT STUDIES AND MORE

MIDWEEK: WATCH AND WONDER

First Tuesday of the Month Noon-1.30pm

Bring your own lunch and join us to eat, watch, and think together. At each gathering we'll watch an episode of *The Chosen*, a series that tells the story of Jesus and the people who encountered him in a way that feels real and relatable.

Afterward, we'll reflect and talk about what stood out, what surprised us, and what it might mean for our lives today. No preparation needed—just bring your lunch and yourself! Interested in being part of these gatherings – RSVP Here!

October 6 @ noon

Nov 3 @ noon

Dec 1 @ noon



CPC BOOK CLUB

The CPC Book Club is ready for Fall! We have scheduled dates and novels for September and October and we welcome anyone to join us. All of these get togethers will be at 7pm in Room 4 at CPC. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or ideas.

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September 24th - The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

October 15th - Whistler by Ann Pachett.

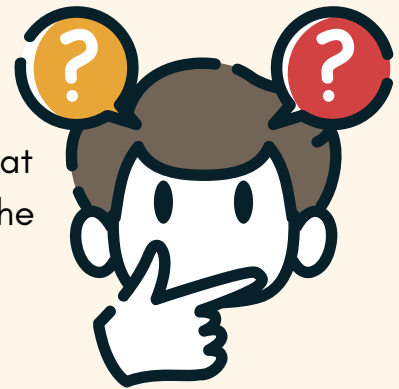
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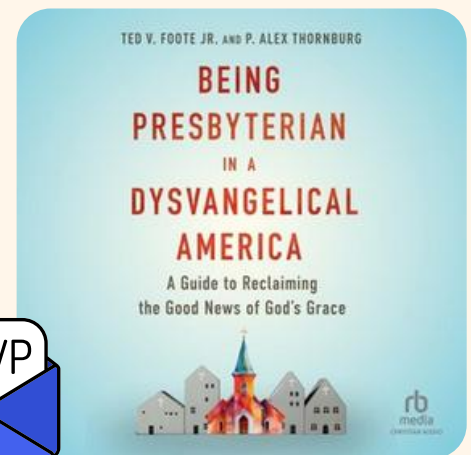
A seasonal gathering to explore a book, article, idea, or issue that invites us to think more deeply about our faith, our church, and the world around us. Come ready to read, reflect, and join the conversation.

Fall Pick: Being Presbyterian in a Disvangelical Word



THURSDAY NOV 19 - 7PM ROOM 4

What would it mean to reclaim the distinctives of the Presbyterian tradition—our Reformed theology, commitment to community, thoughtful engagement with Scripture, and understanding of the church's role in the world. Come ready to consider what makes Presbyterianism worth holding onto—and how it might speak to the church today. Purchase your copy of the book [here](#) and RSVP!



GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS NOVEMBER 1, 5-6PM ROOM 4



The holidays can be a joyful time, but they can also be especially difficult when we are grieving the loss of someone we love. Join Rev. Christine Davies on for a conversation about navigating grief during the holiday season, with practical ways to care for ourselves, honor those we miss, and move through the season with compassion and hope. All are welcome.

Rev. Davies is the Director of Pastoral Care at RWJ University Hospital, an ordained Presbyterian minister, and trained spiritual director.



FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

FOR THE LADIES... BEAUTY NIGHT IN October 29th

Led by our own Judy Maxfield, who has spent her career in the beauty industry, join us for a night focused on simple skin care and makeup tips anyone can use



MEN'S BREAKFASTS OCT 24 & DEC 12 8AM FELLOWSHIP HALL



These breakfasts are a chance to fuel up with food, conversation, and fellowship. All men are welcome to join us!

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY



BLUE SOUL @ BENEDUCE SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Our summer outing to Beneduce has become a FALL OUTING - yay!! Our very own Ted Brancato will be on stage on Saturday, October 3rd from 5-9pm. We'll reserve a table ahead of time, so please RSVP to Jes Bruno by September 20th. The cover charge is \$10 and Jes will reach out to you about payment and what to bring :)

jessicagbruno@gmail.com or 908-328-6943

CLINTON PUMPKINFEST & MAIN STREET HALF MARATHON

CPC loves being part of our Clinton community! This fall, our Welcome & Connection Team will be out and about at Clinton PumpkinFest and the Main Street Half Marathon, looking for fun ways to serve our neighbors and share a little CPC hospitality. There will be opportunities to volunteer, lend a hand, and help us show up for our community. Stay tuned for ways to get involved!



**HALF & 4 MILER
OCTOBER 18, 2026**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 PM-9:00 PM**

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31

5 TO 7PM

Come join us on Center Street for a fun evening with DJ Dr. D, prizes, treats, and plenty of Halloween excitement for all ages! Dress up in your favorite costume and fill up your candy bucket!

Want to be part of the fun? We need volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out treats. Whether your style is fun, colorful, or creative, we'd love your help to make this event awesome.

Everyone's invited — don't miss out!

[VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

CPC KIDS AND YOUTH

SUNDAY FUNDAY GATHERINGS



October 11
November 15
December 13

Sunday Funday are special days just for 4th & 5th graders with a "youth group" feel. Snacks included!

We meet the second Sunday of each month from 11:30-12:30 (unless otherwise noted). Gather in Fellowship Hall.

EPIC RETREAT AT JOHNSONBURG! SEPTEMBER 26-27

Calling all 4th and 5th graders – join us at Johnsonburg for an overnight adventure! Get ready for zip lines, boating, hiking, games, campfires, cabin time, worship, and plenty of time with friends. It's a chance to try something new, get outside, and experience a little taste of camp life.

Let Tracey know you are going AND register on the Johnsonburg website!



OCT 11 - FALL FROYO PRAYER WALK

Let's grab some froyo and hit the streets. We'll take a walk together, enjoy the fall weather, and turn our time outside into a chance to pray, talk, and notice what's happening around us.



NOV 15 - GRATITUDE GAMES (3RD SUNDAY)

Who's ready to compete? We're turning gratitude into a game with challenges, competitions, and plenty of opportunities to get a little competitive. Come ready to play, laugh, and see how many things you can find to be thankful for!



CPC KIDS AND YOUTH

CHAOS



Youth Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-630pm at CPC
Think: food, friends, laughter & honest conversations. It's a place to show up as you are, bring a friend, and be part of something good together.
All students in grade 6-12 are invited. Our gatherings will include shared time while also making space for age-specific conversations and activities.
Along with Youth Group, there will be other simple, casual opportunities for teens to hang out and connect.

[Click here to sign up for Kids & Youth Programs!](#)

ESCAPE ROOM NIGHT SEPTEMBER 20

The church is being transformed for one night only. Students will team up to solve puzzles, uncover clues, crack codes, and race the clock in a giant escape room challenge at CPC. Expect surprises, teamwork, confusion, laughter, and at least a little panic.

Can your team escape in time?



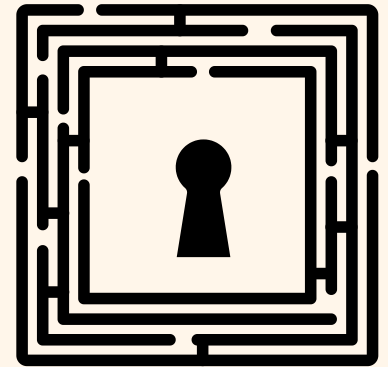
Pizza provided



Friends welcome



Prizes & bragging rights on the line



OCTOBER 18 - YOUTH SUNDAY PREP NIGHT

Something big is coming on November 15, and we're starting to get ready. We'll spend the night working on all things Youth Sunday—from worship and service details to whatever else needs to come together.

It won't be a sit-and-listen kind of night. You'll be part of making it happen. Come ready to jump in, try something new, and see where the night takes us. There will be SNACKS!

NOVEMBER 15 - FRIENDSGIVING FEAST

6:00-8:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

One night. All grades..

We're gathering the whole youth group family for a Friendsgiving celebration full of good food, games, and gratitude for the people we get to do life with.

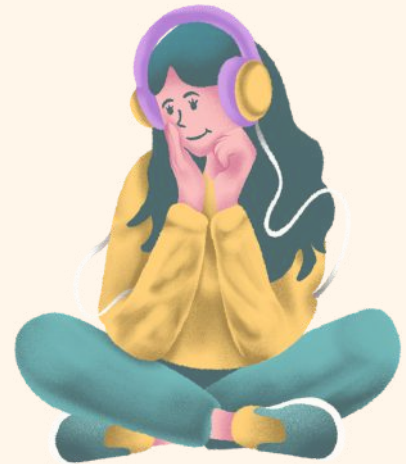


GATHERINGS FOR PARENTS

[Click here to sign up for
6-12th graders!](#)

WHILE THEY'RE AT YOUTH GROUP ... (FOR PARENTS!)

Come grab some snacks and connect with other parents. A chance for conversation and honest sharing about the joys (and challenges!) of raising teens—nothing formal, just a simple time to be together. Meeting in Room 4.



[Click here to sign up for
Nursery through 5th grade!](#)



AN INVITATION TO OUR CRADLE ROLL PARENTS OCTOBER 4TH 10:40-11:30AM

An invitation to all our parents whose children are on the Cradle Roll. Come meet other parents of the under 3's, drink coffee and enjoy some moments of calm while we provide the childcare! A chance to connect and keep the kids happy. Hope to see you there...

MISSION & SERVICE

JOY SCOUTS

At CPC, our youngest disciples lead the way in service!

Throughout the year, Joy Scouts offers fun, hands-on opportunities for kids to make a real difference in our church and community. Because serving others is something everyone can do—no matter your age!

Our service projects change throughout the year, giving kids plenty of chances to help, create, share, and make a difference. Activities are designed with children in mind, but adults are always welcome to join the fun and serve alongside them.

Want to get involved?

Email office@clintonpresbyterian.net to learn more about upcoming JOY Scouts opportunities.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise has a new executive director who is working hard to strengthen their mission and outreach. There are two fundraisers coming up this fall and we would love to show them some CPC support!! Check out their [website](#) and sign up for their newsletter to receive updates and ticketing information for these events.



THE FLEMINGTON AREA FOOD PANTRY



We're proud to partner with the Flemington Area Food Pantry!

The need in our community continues to grow. In 2025, the Pantry welcomed more than 21,000 visits from neighbors across Hunterdon County—a 92% increase since 2019. Behind those numbers are families stretching a paycheck, seniors living on fixed incomes, and neighbors facing unexpected challenges.

CPC members serve at the Pantry throughout the year, and our Joy Scouts regularly pitch in to sort donations and lend a helping hand. We also support the Pantry through our mission giving.

There are lots of ways for you to help, too! Volunteer at the Pantry, help sort donations, make deliveries, organize a food drive, or lend a hand at special events.

And don't miss the 29th Annual Empty Bowl on Friday, October 23! Enjoy a delicious bowl of soup in a handcrafted bowl donated by a local potter while supporting the Pantry's work to nourish our neighbors with dignity.

To learn more about the fundraiser or how you can lend your time as a volunteer visit:

flemingtonfoodpantry.org.

MISSION & SERVICE



BINGO @ COUNTRY ARCH CARE CENTER

Join us on the third Sunday of each month at 2pm for BINGO at the Country Arch Care Center where we help spread joy and love with the residents through games and prizes. All ages are welcome to attend however we kindly ask that anyone who is not feeling well stay home.

HDL (pronounced huddle!)

HDL, hang and do what you love, is a newly formed group for residents of Hunterdon County with cognitive disabilities. This group meets once a month and provides individuals an opportunity to meet other people, play games, make crafts and more. The group also gives caregivers an opportunity to take a couple hours off while their loved ones enjoy some time within a structured environment facilitated by several volunteers.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This fall, we're collecting and delivering food to local families who need support—not just for their Thanksgiving meal, but to help with everyday essentials.

Collection runs from October 19 through November 19, with deliveries scheduled for Saturday, November 22.

You can drop off items in the sanctuary or fellowship hall.

We're collecting everyday staples like coffee, tea, peanut butter, pasta, canned goods, cereal, and more. Monetary donations and donations of ham or turkey are also welcome. We also need volunteers to deliver the baskets on delivery day. If you're able to help, please click the button below.

Thank you for helping make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

VOLUNTEER HERE!



A Social Group

for
Special Needs Adults, 21+

ENJOY A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHILE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
AMONG OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS & THE COMMUNITY

2026/2027 Meeting Dates:
6:30-8:30pm

Sept 10, 2026	Jan 14, 2027
Oct 8, 2026	Feb 11, 2027
Nov 12, 2026	Mar 11, 2027
Dec 10, 2026	Apr 8, 2027
	May 13, 2027
	June 10, 2027

MEETS MONTHLY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL,
91 CENTER ST. CLINTON, NJ

For more information:
Email hdl@clintonpresbyterian.net
or text Janet Boyd at 908-456-3336



GIVING TREE

Our annual tree will be in the back of the Sanctuary from mid-November until the beginning of December. This is your opportunity to help our friends and neighbors in need, many of whom we support during the year through our mission outreach. Each ornament will describe an individual need for a gift.

Please take one or take several and purchase the items needed.

Questions? Contact the church office at office@clintonpresbyterian.net

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ CPC

November

22

Hanging of the Greens

November

29

Advent Begins



Christmas Parade 7pm



Ladies Favorite Things Gift Exchange -
7pm @ the Manse



Men's Breakfast 8am



Sunday Funday Elf Workshop,
Youth Group Christmas Bash



Live Nativity 5-6:30pm



Christmas Pageant
& Advent Breakfast



Christmas Eve Services





Podcast in Advent: Advent Pause

This Advent, we're trying something new at CPC. Advent Pause will be a weekly podcast designed to help us slow down, pay attention, and make a little room for the season in the middle of everything else going on. Each week will bring something a little different so plan to tune in!

Advent Sermon Series

Advent Diaries

This Advent, we'll open the pages of Scripture and enter the stories of those who waited, wondered, doubted, and hoped for God to come near. Advent Diaries invites us to discover our own place in the story as we wait for the light of Christ.



Christmas Eve Services

5 pm Family Service

As a congregation we will retell the story of Christ's birth with the angels, the shepherds and the sheep.



9pm Candlelight Communion Service

Come and be lifted in joy through Word and Song as we celebrate the Christ child at this candlelight service.



OUR CHURCH IN MINISTRY

Did you know that our Ministry Teams meet monthly? If you are interested in joining any of our teams, please reach out and let us know!

Mission
Children's
Youth
Operations
Worship
Hospitality
Welcome & Connections
Adult Ed

SAFETY COMMITTEE TRAININGS



SURVIVING AN ACTIVE VIOLENT EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
FROM 6:30PM - 8:00PM



SAFETY & SECURITY AT CPC
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
FROM 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Session & Deacons meet every third Tuesday of the month.

Please pass along any questions, concerns or ideas to office@clintonpresbyterian.net.

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Bob Ballantine
Larry Boyd
Tony Celentano
Jens Duerr
Laura McGarry
Emmaline Morano
Paul Morrisette
Julie Moscovciak
Barb Pearson
Judi Sifuentes
Zan Struebing
Jake Treese

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Dick Farrell(L)
Adrienne Hodulik(D)
Spencer Holmsborg(E,F,W)
Leslie Hyman (I,J,K)
Scott Jackle (Bl-Bu,V,Z)
Kevin Maxfield (Q,R,T)
Robin Meyh (P)
Janet Boyd (A,C,N,O)
Carolyn Donchovich (Ba-Bi)
John Roth(M)
Kevin Thompson (G,H)
Leanne Treese (S)

The letters next to deacon names indicate which members of the congregation are part of their flock. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your deacon at any time.

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