



July 19, 2026

Welcome to Community.

We are glad you are here. While here we hope you will feel welcome and find the service meaningful.

Childcare (infants through 4 year olds) is available. Worship boxes for younger children to borrow during worship are located at the entrance.

Large Print bulletins are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Pillows are available in the narthex for those who need extra comfort and support while sitting in the pew.

Hearing Assistance is available through a T loop system that has been installed.

If you have a hearing aid device that is T-coil compatible, please turn your hearing piece to the t-position.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

– We Gather For Worship –

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *(to pray silently)*

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the hands, and feet, and heart of Christ join the work of your Spirit, enacting compassion for our world. Amen.

– We Are Called into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This place for us is holy ground,

People: **the place where we sing songs of faith and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

Leader: God called us here,

People: **in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with God's presence,**

Leader: God disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

People: **God meets us here in our vulnerability, and in our humanity.**

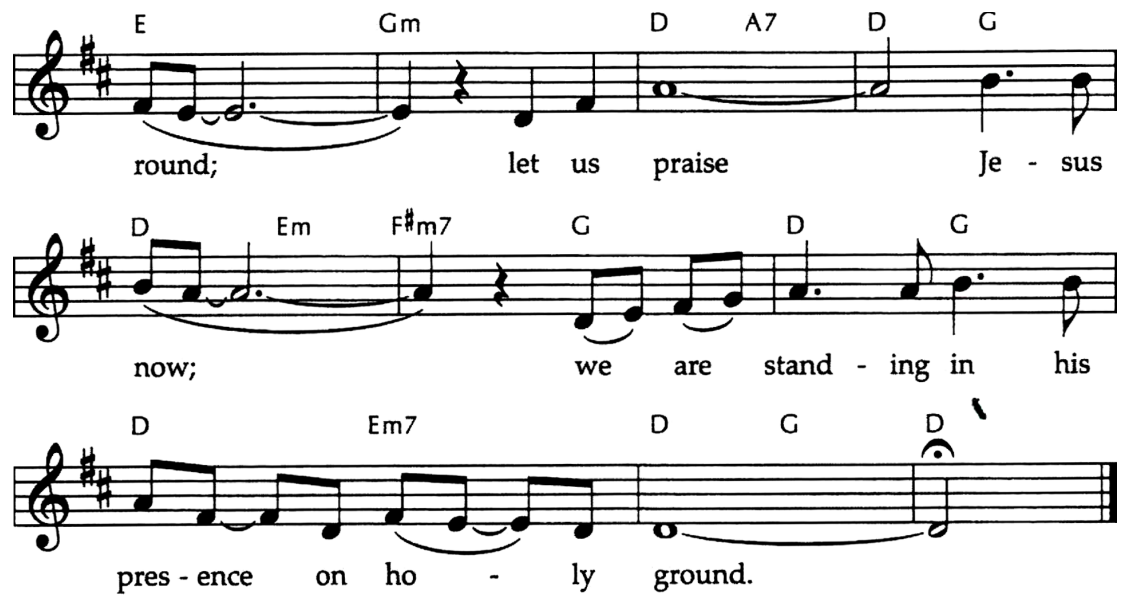
Leader: Let us worship our ever-present, surprising God.

*OPENING HYMN

Holy Ground (sing twice)

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,

and I know that there are an - gels all a -



The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.

– We Confess Our Sins –

*In the presence of a
forgiving God,
We become aware of the
ways we fall short
of God's best hopes
for us, and ways we
have hurt others.
As you pray the prayer
of confession; think
how the words express
specific sins in your
life and the life of the
church. We turn to God
asking forgiveness.*

*Claim the truth that
through God's grace
and Christ giving of
himself on the cross,
we are forgiven. Let this
truth set you free
from your sins so you
may be restored to
God and one another.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative and passionate God, you delight to shape our world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation, both in subtle moments and in burning bush encounters. As we grow in wisdom, help us to more faithfully discern the call you place upon us. When we give in to temptations that disrupt your joyful plans and purpose for all creation, help us to recognize that although we cannot undo our mistakes, we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus. Capture our attention with the flames of your love, and reveal new ways for us to live and love one another and creation. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but in silence, let us acknowledge our sin and seek forgiveness that restores your peace.

(Time for silence is kept).

Leader: O Lord, God of our ancestors,

People: Here we are, with hearts attuned to you. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE CONFESSION

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 3)

**Christ breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 1)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.**

– We Hear God’s Word –

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – *Exodus 3:1-14*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God,

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Meg Vail

“On the Move...Always at Home in God”

– We Believe –

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (*A Covenant Litany*)

(*Left Side: Facing Pulpit; Right Side: Facing Pulpit*)

Leader: Today we remember and affirm God’s covenant with all of creation. Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through on our journey, on the move?

People: Yahweh, God, the Holy One.

Left Side: Who has been with us from the beginning of creation, bringing us into existence? Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

People: Yahweh, God, the Holy One.

Right Side: Who has pointed us on the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

People: Yahweh, God, the Holy One.

Left Side: Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?

People: Yahweh, God, the Holy One.

Right Side: Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

People: Yahweh, God, the Holy One.

Leader: Let us affirm our faithfulness to God who is faithful to us, placing our trust in the One who is trustworthy.

People: O God, we love because you first loved us. You are our God, and we are your people. We remember your promises. Help us to recognize your presence and blessings throughout our journey.

– We Offer Our Prayers –

ANTHEM

O Lord, Most Merciful (Panis Angelicus) by Cesar Franck

O Lord, most merciful; O Lord, most bountiful;

O Lord of heav’n and earth, we come to Thee in prayer:

O Lord, most merciful, guard and deliver us; Father, Father,
hold us within Thy Care! Father, Father, hold us within Thy care!

*All children are invited
to come forward for the
Children’s Moment.*

*The Scripture bears
witness to the word of
God. Listen beyond the
human word for the
Word of God. Pray that
the Spirit will speak to
you through the text.*

*All Scripture is God-
breathed and is useful
for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training
in righteousness, so that
the servant of God may
be thoroughly equipped
for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*The affirmation of
faith invites us to join
with God’s people
everywhere in claiming
our faith in God as our
Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer. It also
reminds us to go out
and publicly proclaim
our faith in God.*

O Lord most merciful; O Lord most bountiful; O Lord of heav'n and earth, we come to Thee in prayer; O Lord, most merciful, guard and deliver us: Father, Father, Oh, hold us within Thy care!
Father, hold us, us within Thy care!.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

– We Share Our Gifts –

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

I Come to the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

**Chorus: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. (Chorus)

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. (Chorus)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Christ, Be Our Light

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! shine in your church gathered today.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



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The giving of an offering not only supports the ministry of Christ but it is the symbolic dedication of our life and all that we have to give to God in response to his love. Remember that all things belong to God, and that we are entrusted to use all that we have to bring glory to God.

– We Go Out to be God’s Presence in the World –

*CLOSING HYMN – #525

Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Sheila and Bob Van Dyke, on the occasion of her birthday, by Jakki and Randy Whitten.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes

Ushers: Alan Tucker, Cheryl Langston, Mike Jankowski, Holly Alexander

Greeters: Jane and Leo Garcia

Audio: Scott Brewton

Children’s Church:

If you are a visitor here and have a child that would like to attend children’s church they are more than welcome to join us! After the children’s sermon, all children ages kindergarten through fifth grade are dismissed to go downstairs with the teachers. We have a snack, game, Bible lesson and a craft. If your child has any food allergies or other health/behavior concerns please come downstairs with your child and let the teachers know. We have visitor forms as well that are located by the worship boxes and bulletins. When church is finished please come downstairs to pick your child up. We also have a nursery that is available from birth-preschool age. Thank you!

Prayer from Our Care Team:

Each month, Pastor Meg and your congregational care elders, Patty Franklin, John Liles, and Cindy Ward, meet to pray through the requests that have been offered on our congregational prayer list. If you have new requests to bring to our team for prayer and care, please contact Patty Franklin via phone or email: (703) 717-3456; pd.franklin.lc@gmail.com

The Mission of Community Presbyterian Church:

“We exist not for ourselves, but to love God and make God’s love known.”

*Our worship does
not end at the
conclusion of this
service. We go forth
to love and serve the
LORD in daily living.
In so doing, we seek to
fulfill our mission to
“love God and make
God’s love known”.*

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (July 19)

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

Monday

8:00 a.m. Reach for Success/Brookside VBS – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Barbershop Board Meeting – Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Reach for Success/Brookside VBS – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Reach for Success/Brookside VBS – Fellowship Hall

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Reach for Success/Brookside VBS – Off Campus
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library

Friday

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Scout Rain Gutter Regatta – Outside

Sunday (July 26)

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

Come Join Us for Highlights of the PAM Worship & Music Conference in Montreat!

Meg and I were lucky enough to attend the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Worship & Music Conference in beautiful Montreat, NC last month and we want to share the experience with all of you! Imagine a 400+ person choir singing How Great Thou Art with timpani, organ and brass, or worship with a congregation of over 800 worshippers (many of them trained musicians) singing in beautiful harmony, or being blessed with amazing, powerful sermons integrated with creative worship elements - We brought it all home from the mountains with us and we want to share it with you! Please join us on Tuesday, July 28th in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm to see what this conference is all about.

Many churches have a tradition of bringing a group to the conference and we want to see if there is a group from CPC interested in attending next year! You do not have to be a musician, a session member or lead a committee – many come just to be inspired and to receive the gift of worship & music in a beautiful summer setting. We will have snacks, share photos and videos, and answer questions you may have about attending. The accommodations fill up fast, so to get a great rental house or lodge, we will need to book early! We hope to see you on the 28th!



On-line Giving is now available. And it's easy!

Anyone can now donate to CPC via the QR code or the link below.

You can donate via your Smartphone, laptop, Mac or tablet. You can also donate via the "Give" button on the homepage of the CPC website. The donation landing page gives you a drop down menu with options of which fund you would like your donation to go to. FYI - any donation going to the General Fund will be applied against your pledge total.

If you have any questions please contact Amanda Bryan/ Finance Manager in the church office at (910) 295-6848 or at abryan@communitypres.com

<https://onrealm.org/CommunityPresby67558/give/now>

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Pastor Transition Committee

With any transition or change, we may experience a variety of feelings, questions and concerns. Saying so long to Rod and welcoming a new, interim pastor is a big transition. You as an individual and as a member of this community deserve time to discuss the impact of this change. The CPC Session organized a Pastor Transition

Committee. One of its main goals is to support you.

There will be regular communications as well as time to gather and discuss various aspects of this transition. We also appreciate some might feel more comfortable with a private conversation. The Pastor Transition Committee

members or any of our Elders (pictured below) welcome your questions and will be happy to talk with you. Let any of us know you'd like to talk:

Pastor Transition Committee Members: Scott Brewton, Patty Franklin, Dave Gibbons, Sue Ann Summers



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Admin./Personnel



Joe Franklin
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Patty Franklin
Care



Bruce Geddes
Property & Grounds



Dave Gibbons
Finance



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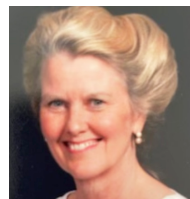
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