



August 16, 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.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

– We Gather For Worship –

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *(to pray silently)*

O God, whose holiness is not limited to grand cathedrals or saintly persons, spectacular mountains or mountain-moving leaders; O God, whose holiness is often discovered in simple everyday places and simple everyday folk, plant your holiness in this place, in us now. Grow us this hour, that we might flower, right where we are, with the beauty of your holiness. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

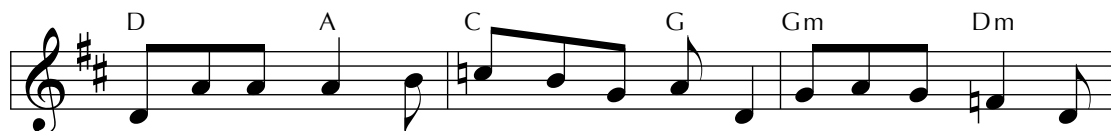
– We Are Called into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.
All: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.
One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.
All: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.
One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.
All: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.
One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.
All: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.
One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.
All: Glorious is our God, who awakens our souls to new possibilities.
One: Come, let us gather our hearts and minds to worship our glorious God.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



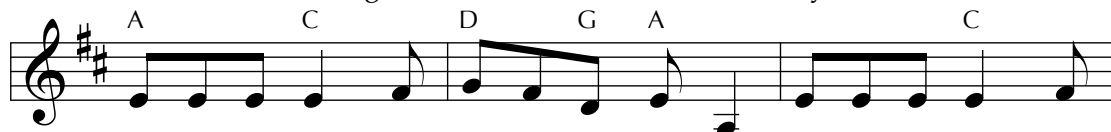
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



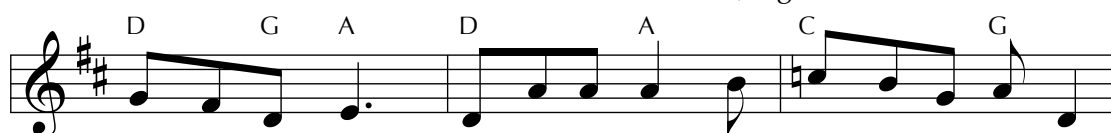
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

– We Confess Our Sins –

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
We stir the pot when we could offer peace.
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them.
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
(Time for silent prayer)

One: With contrite hearts,

All: We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in you, in your grace, forever, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Surely It is God

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

– We Hear God's Word –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – Luke 9:1-6

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

Rev. Meg Vail

“On the Move - Holy Places, Holy People”

– We Believe –

*AFFIRMING OUR CALLING AS DISCIPLES

One: Scripture reminds us that our Christian calling is to go out into the world to make disciples, serving as companions to one another as Jesus modeled in his ministry.
One way in which we remind ourselves of our calling is to clothe ourselves with the ways of God.

One: In Colossians, we are reminded that:

All: as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, we should clothe ourselves with compassion.

*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.*

*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.

One: Clothe yourselves with kindness.

All: We clothe ourselves with humility.

One: Clothe yourselves with meekness.

All: We clothe ourselves with patience.

One: Above all, clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

One: God's people are called to go out into this world in the image of our Risen Lord, serving others with intelligence, energy, imagination, and love. I invite you to be seated, to turn to a neighbor, and to name aloud a CPC person or ministry whose discipleship is intelligent, energetic, imaginative, or loving.

(Time for conversation)

One: Will you serve others with...

High Voices: Energy!

Low Voices: Intelligence!

High Voices: Imagination!

Low Voices: Love!

All: We will!

One: Let us, in our ministry, go out in confidence and with courage, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to seek and serve the kingdom of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

MaryBeth Liles & John Liles

Emmanuel

Songwriters: Austin Alfter / David Gentiles / Melanie Slay / Tevia Alfter

In the beginning, You spoke, there was light.
Your Word formed creation, Your breath gave us life.
We walked in the garden, it brought you delight.
How you love to be with us, we were fully alive.

(Refrain)

You have always been, You will always be Emmanuel.

Our fellowship broken as we were deceived.
The joy of the garden was now out of reach.
You chose to pursue us, You longed for us still.
You did not forsake us and You never will. (Refrain)

A pillar of fire that led through the night.
The cloud of your glory no one could deny.
We built you a temple, but you wanted more.
You long for a people that could be called yours. (Refrain)

And then in the silence the Word became flesh.
Our God dwelt among us, You gave us your best.
You offered communion, You gave up your life.
You rose up in victory and healed the divide. (Refrain)

The day is soon coming You will be revealed.
Your dream of communion finally fulfilled.
We'll see a new heaven, we'll walk a new earth.
You will be ours, Lord, and we will be Yours. (Refrain)

In this very moment God you are here.
You're with and within us, You love to be near.
Filled with your Spirit, A promise of love.
A blessed assurance of what is to come. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 –

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR NURSERY ASSISTANT

A College Farewell to Evie Miller, Nursery Assistant

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Great is the Lord

Great are you, Lord, You are holy and just:

By your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord, you are faithful, and true;

By your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,

I lift up my voice:

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*CLOSING SONG

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?



QR Code (for quick mobile giving)

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.

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".

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

***BENEDICTION**

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.
You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your clothing of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.
The God in whose image you are made
will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. Go in peace.

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 by Bonnie Roberson in memory of her wonderful husband Leo and in honor of the Petero family, Danelle, Clay, Megan, Nick and Anthony.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes
Ushers: Alan Tucker, Carter and Cheryl Langston, Holly Alexander
Greeters: Harlan McCaskill
Audio: Steve Lapping

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 John Liles via phone or email: (919) 623-5347; johnliles822@gmail.com

The Mission of Community Presbyterian Church:
“We exist not for ourselves, but to love God and make God’s love known.”

CPC Financial Update
Income vs. Expenses for June 2026

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse) Than Budget
YTD Income	460,242	468,819	(8,577)
YTD Expenses	443,994	468,819	24,825
Net	16,248	0	16,248

Note: *The combination of pledged, non pledged and loose plate Income YTD actuals is better than budget. YTD overall income is worse than budget due to the intentional delaying of the transfer of the YTD budgeted endowment fund income. This delay for the need to transfer any money from our endowment funds is due to our YTD reduction in overall expenses.

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (August 16)

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

Monday

5:30 p.m. Barbershop Board Meeting – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Great Room

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. CALL – Everette House/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. CALL – Everette House/Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. CALL Committee Meeting – Conference Room

Thursday

8:00 a.m. CALL – Everette House/Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library

Friday

Sunday (August 23)

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

Fall Festival is October 4th, 2026

Save the date for the annual CPC Fall Festival on Sunday, October 4th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Returning this year are our catered community meal, the chili cook-off, activities for families, and more! Sign-ups begin Sunday, August 30th (via card in the pew) or by contacting Sally in the church office. Suggested donation will be \$10/individual or \$25/family. To sign up for the chili cook-off, please contact Nancy Oakley at Nancy.oakley@me.com by September 27th.

The next planning meeting for the Fall Festival is **Wednesday, August 26th at 3 p.m.** at CPC. All interested in helping to plan this special event are welcome to attend.

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>

QR Code (for quick mobile giving):



Salt and Pepper Dinner Group is Back

If you would like to get to know the members of your church better, this may be for you.

First of all, sign up. At that time, I will place you in a group of four couples. Some have mentioned to me that they would prefer a group of three couples because of the space at their table. When you call, let me know which would suit you better. Please understand you do not have to be a "couple" to be a part of this group. Also, if you are a family, and have an interest in joining, we will have a group that will include your family.

Within the assigned group, there will be one couple that will kick off the first dinner at their home. They will select the entrée with the rest of the group bringing an appetizer, salad/vegetable and dessert. You will meet four times during the church year. Please bring your calendar to each dinner to plan the next dinner.

We also meet all together two times during the year. We meet in the fall and at Christmas. This is a gathering of everyone at someone's home for appetizers and beverages. And If this is something you would like to do or if you have any questions, please call Pam Hylton at 295-2896 or email nhylton@nc.rr.com

Pam Hylton and Shay Teese

Join Us For The 2027 PAM Worship & Music Conference

Kirsten and Meg invite all who are interested in participating in the 2027 PAM Worship & Music Conference at Montreat to register their interest by emailing Meg (mvail@communitypres.com) by **Thursday, August 27th, 2026**. Believe it or not, as a church, we will make decisions for next summer's conference housing arrangements based upon the approximate number of people who wish to travel and attend. We will depart from CPC to Montreat on **Sunday, June 27th, 2027** after worship, and return **Saturday, July 3rd, 2027**.

Pricing is as follows:

PAM Membership Fee: \$75 (Seniors) \$105 (All Others)
Conference Registration: \$340 (Members) \$515 (Non-Members)

Housing is an additional cost. We would like to work together to ensure that all who wish to participate are able to, regardless of need. If you would like to attend this conference with CPC and anticipate that the cost would be a financial hardship, please reach out to Meg directly.

CPC Youth Group

The CPC Youth Group meets year-round (except for holiday weekends) on Sunday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m. in the church loft. Entry is through the doors from the main parking lot with the portico. The meeting led by Youth Director Kaleb Joiner, includes Bible lesson, games, a snack period and a fun ay to encourage new friendships.

All youth ages 11-18 (sixth to twelfth grade), members and non-members are welcome.

Help Feed Our Reach for Success Students!

We need weekly volunteers to provide an after-school snack for **14 students every Tuesday**.

When: Tuesdays by 3:00 p.m.

Where: Church Screen Room (basement)

How: Click the Signup Genius QR code below or contact Pat McFadyen

Keep it simple! We try to offer **a protein, something salty, something sweet, and fruit. Some easy ideas:**

**Hot dogs • Pizza • Sandwiches • Snack plates
Cheese sticks & yogurt • Fresh fruit • A sweet treat**

Our students love fruit, and **water is the perfect beverage**. Snacks do not need to be homemade or fancy—just something hungry kids will enjoy!



Ready to help? Scan the QR code to choose a Tuesday!

Questions or need help signing up?

Contact Pat McFadyen:

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