

November 2, 2025

# 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 -

(Allow the opening music and prayer of preparation to turn your focus to God. Listen for God's spirit calling you into the Divine presence. Be still and know that God is God.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – (pray silently) (Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)

O Lord Jesus Christ,

the Way, the Truth, and the Life:

Do not let me stray from you, the Way,

Nor distrust you, the Truth,

Nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.

## We Are Called Into God's Presence

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

People: We come to worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . . **People**We come to worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war . . .

Leader. In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

People: We come to worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the

world.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are quick to criticize and devalue . . .

People: We come to worship a God who redeems and values all.

Leader: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . . **People:** We come to worship a God who gives life meaning.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

\*OPENING HYMN - #267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

# We Confess Our Sins -

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** 

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (choir first time; all second time)

Halle, Halle, Halle - lu - oo - yah Halle, Halle, Halle - lu - oo - yah Halle, Halle, Halle - lu - oo - yah Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

### We Hear God's Word -

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Eileen Vail Daughter of Jeannine Caracciolo & Meg Vail

**ANTHEM** 

**BAPTISM** 

There's Room for More Arr. Stan Pethel

There was an old-time preacher at the river, Calling folks to repentance and to faith. He must have baptized at least a dozen sinners. When he was done you could always hear him say,

Chorus: "There's room for more, if you're willing.
Still room for more, don't delay.
There's room for more, He is waiting.
There's room for more, trust and obey."

There's a lifeboat coming to the rescue, For all those that are drowning in their sin. Climb aboard, for Jesus is the captain. Take His hand and put your trust in Him.

Chorus

Very soon we will join Him in God's heaven, We will live with Him forevermore. Loving arms stretched widely there to greet us, As we reach that bright eternal shore.

Chorus

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 Godbreathed 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 small communion wafers are free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, egg, soy, nuts and corn.

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.

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – Matthew 7:1-5

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Rod Stone

Removing the Log: Seeing Others Through Grace.

# Celebrating Christ's Life and Love –

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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** 

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – (Please sign and pass)

**OFFERTORY** 

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN - #507

I Come With Joy

### We Go Out to Be God's Presence in the World -

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### THE POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

\*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers are given by Bob and Melissa Boone in honor of Bob's mother Winnie Klein turning 108 on November 6.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes

Ushers: David Butler, Josh Butler, Jacob Graham, Mike and Pam Jankowski

Greeter: Harlan McCaskill

Holy Grounds: Jim and Linda Dalton

#### **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: pd.franklin.lc@gmail.com or (703) 717-3456.

# 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".

# The Big-Little Giver

The past two weeks we have explored The Voluntary Giver, own who gives without prompting, and the Compassionate Giver, one who notices a need and gives from the depths of the heart. This week we invite you to look at the Big Little Giver. The story of the Big Little Give is in the Gospel of both Mark and Luke. The story describes a poor window who gives two small coins, called mites to the Temple treasury. In the story Jesus observes her action and tells his disciples that her offering is greater than all the others because she gave all she had, unlike the wealthy who give from their surplus. This is a great example of selfless giving and the sincerity of the her gift over the amount given! The widow's act is a powerful example of giving sacrificially, even when it means giving everything one has. This kind of giving is proof of total trust in God, knowing that if we give all we have God will take care of us!

The Stewardship Committee

CPC Financial Update Income vs. Expenses for September 2025 YTD

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse) Than Budget
YTD Income	701,158	667,395	33,763
YTD Expenses	643,371	674,098	30,727
Net	57,787	-6,703	64,490

# Community Happenings –

## **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

#### **Monday**

9:30 a.m. PEO – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

10:00 a.m. Pinehurst Garden Club - Conference Room

4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Great Room

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall 7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Great Room

### **Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Off Campus 2:00 p.m. Set up for the We Are Thankful Luncheon –

Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Women of the Pines Board Meeting – Great

Room

3:30 p.m. Brookside Tutoring – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting – Sanctuary

#### Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Set up for the We Are Thankful Luncheon –

Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. We Are Thankful Luncheon – Fellowship

Hall

1:00 p.m. Circle #1 – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

2:30 p.m. CALL – Everette House

#### **Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**Friday** 

8:30 a.m. Prayer Garden

#### **Sunday (November 9)**

10:30 a.m. Worship – Fellowship Hall

#### **Snacks Are Needed**

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for our Reaching For Success tutoring group (formerly Brookside). They meet on Tuesdays after school and need a little energy after a full day of school, before settling in for more work. If you wish to help, email pmcfadyen@embarqmail.com to get a date of your choice. It works well if the volunteers can have the snacks at the church by 2:00 on Tuesday. At this time we have five students. Labeled boxes are in the fridge and on the counter. Snacks can be a sweet, salty and water.

## **Angel Tree Volunteers**

If anyone would like to volunteer with NMFR at Santa's Workshop the dates are December 9th – 11th. If anyone would like to shop with our Brookside families for angel tree those dates are December 3rd & 4th. Sign up by emailing Meg at mvail@communitypres.com. To volunteer with CALL: wrapping on December 10 & 11 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Everette House. Please bring a pair of scissors.

# Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care

Year round CPC collects shelf stable foods for the Sandhills/ Moore Coalition for Human Care. This upcoming season they have asked us to collect a special item for their clients to be included in their **Thanksgiving food boxes: stuffing (any brand such as Stove Top, Pepperidge Farm or store brand!)**.

Would you add **stuffing** to your shopping list and drop it off outside the church office by mid November?

Thank you for helping families in our community have a yummy meal!

## **Angel Tree Mission Project**

One of the traditions of Community Presbyterian Church has been the sponsorship of the "Angel Tree" program. The Mission Committee is partnering with three (3) missions in Moore County to provide clothing and books to 150+ children in need at Christmas time.

- CALL program (Community Assisting Language Learners), is an afterschool tutoring/mentoring program helping children to become proficient in English.
- Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC), provides education to children and a helping hand all year round to families in need living in the Robbins area of our county.
- **Brookside** is a program in which we minister to the children of this area through bible study, camp, games, arts & crafts, and quality time spent building connections and sharing the Word of God.

All our partners represent children at risk who need our sponsorship for Christmas.

**The "Angel Tree" kickoff for 2025 is Sunday, October 26th.** The Angel Tree will be displayed at the entrance of either the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, depending on where services are held that week.

#### Here's how it works:

**Gold Angels** – CALL

**Red Angels** – Monetary Donations for Brookside parent shopping

**Green Angels** – Northern Moore Family Resource Center Members of the church take an angel, and either purchase items for the child listed on that angel or provide a monetary donation. If you are buying, include all the items requested on the angel.

#### For purchased gifts:

- 1. Securely attach the Angel to the large gift bag.
- 2. Place UNWRAPPED gifts in a large gift bag and return them to the church office.

#### For monetary donations:

- 1. If you took an angel, attach the angel to your check and return to the church office.
- 2. If you did not take an angel, send a check with a notation for "Angel Tree".

# The deadline for gifts or monetary donations is Sunday, November 23rd!

Members of the Mission Committee then deliver the gifts to CALL, and Northern Moore Family Resource Center, and will coordinate a "shopping" day with the Brookside parent(s) with Walmart gift cards.

Questions? Would you like to volunteer? Contact Michelle Gray at (910) 639-9480 or Stephanie Jenkins at (910) 315-4133, Angel Tree Mission Chairs.

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