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Palm Sunday and Easter



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Summer Music at CPC!!!

The choir works hard for CPC!! So to thank them, we give them most of the summer off which means we need more people to help us out with some fun, new summer music offerings!

1. We will have a **men's ensemble** and **women's ensemble** again this summer and we welcome those who are not currently a part of the choir to come and join our current choir members for a 2-3 rehearsal commitment. The folks who joined us last summer had a ball and we hope to build to have even more with us this year! This is open to anyone in middle school or above.
2. We will have a beginner "just to check this out and see what it is" **handbell social**. Believe it or not, anyone can learn to play handbells even if you do not read music! Our first opportunity will be on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. No commitment – just come and see what it is all about and let us prove to you that reading music is not necessary! 😊 (and yes, experienced handbell players – we will have a handbell ensemble in July – stay tuned!)
3. Have you ever wondered what the worship service looks like from the choir loft? Come and find out on **"Pack the Choir Loft" Sunday** – any individuals, old or new, young or less young, tall or small, are invited to come early one Sunday, learn just the congregational songs and help us lead worship from the choir loft! No music experience necessary and families are welcome to participate together!

If you are interested in any of our summer offerings, or all of them 😊, please email Kirsten Foyles (badgergirlnc@gmail.com). We have not yet set dates for most of the above because we want to set the dates around the schedules of those interested. Come and join us in making a joyful noise!! 😊



Camp Monroe Summer Day Camp

Week of June 23rd

Ages 6-14

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A fun week for your kids. Sign up on the Camp Monroe website.

Lunch is provided and transportation sign ups are also on the website (Pick up in Aberdeen). For any questions you can call the camp at (910) 276-1654. The camp is located at 24501 Camp Road, Laurel Hill, NC . . . about 25 minutes from the church.

A wonderful week of fun, fellowship and new friends!!

Children Are The Church

So often we hear that children are the future of the church. They are, but they are so much more than that. Our children are our current church: they can serve today, they can teach us, and they can make an impact now.

The PAWS kids showed us just how powerful children's worship leadership can be with their musical, A Not So Terrible Parable. We were blessed with a new interpretation of the parable of the Good Samaritan (not quite the way Pastor Rod and Pastor Meg tell it!). And who knew it would be the pizza delivery girl instead of the lawyer or Bible salesperson who would save the wounded Gwen Random!

We thank CPC for supporting such an important program such as PAWS to allow these kids to grow, to learn, to teach, and to lead!



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Friday

Church Office Closed

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Five CPC Students Receive Scholarships

Before presenting the Scholarship recipients for 2025-2026 it is important to recognize the parents of these students. As you will see, most are graduating at the end of the next school year, so congratulations go to Jody and Kirsten Foyles, Clay and Danelle Petero and Scott and Sonja Brewton.



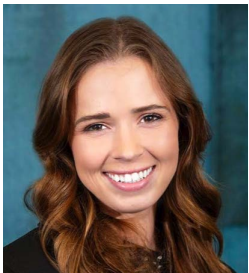
Nicholas Petero – Nick will be entering his final year at UNC Wilmington this fall and will be completing his bachelor's degree in Film Studies with a minor in History next spring. He became more focused about his future after this past summer and fall when he was accepted into the Disney College Program and worked in the park in Orlando. “My goal now is to work my way up through the company and one day secure a career as a Disney Imagineer.” He will be returning to Disney after graduation next spring to complete another college program. Nick was awarded a CPC Scholarship.



Kayden Foyles – Currently a junior at NC State University, Kayden is majoring in Communication Media with a minor in Arts Entrepreneurship. Her goal is to “work in marketing for arts organizations, helping to connect audiences with meaningful creative experiences...I want to use my skills to support and promote the arts in a way that makes them accessible and engaging to the community.” She added “I am incredibly grateful for this church and the opportunities it has provided me, and I hope to carry its influence forward in all that I do.” Kayden was awarded the CPC Scholarship.



Lauren Foyles – Lauren is completing her junior year at UNC Greensboro and will graduate in May of 2026 with Bachelor of Arts double major with degrees in Drama and Arts Administration. As she told the selection committee, “I can honestly say that I would not be where I am today without the support from my CPC family”. Through her first three years at UNCG, Lauren has maintained a GPA of 3.96 and was awarded a CPC Scholarship for her senior year.



Keegan Foyles – This fall, Keegan will be entering her last year of school at Penn State Dickinson Law and wants to return to her hometown after successfully completing the multistate bar exam next spring. “As someone who grew up in a small town, I believe the thing people really want in their legal representation is an advocate who understands their situation, explains how they can be helped through the law and fights for their best outcome in court. The value of a small-town attorney is exponentially growing . . .” So we look forward to welcoming Keegan back to our town and our faith community. She was awarded a CPC Scholarship.



Caroline Brewton – Caroline continues in her medical studies at Poznan University of Medical Studies in Poznan, Poland and remains one of the top 3 students in her class. Her list of accomplishments and the volunteer work she provides to the people of Poland are numerous. And yet, she says “The plan I have laid ahead of me remains the same: graduate from medical school and return to the Darien jungle between Colombia and Panama where my heart still lies with the migrants struggling in this area. I plan to provide medical aid to those in need and to evacuate those who have simply been abandoned to die . . . I have added a new understanding of the importance of this work and instead of being frightened of any darkness that I may see and strive instead to see the humanity in every person that I meet.” Caroline is awarded the Joyce and Roger Johnson Scholarship.

Ukraine Trip



Destruction is evident



Bringing supplies to the troops



Meeting with some of the soldiers from the front line



Chaplains at the retreat on trauma care



Rod preaching



Rod with a Ukrainian POW and his wife

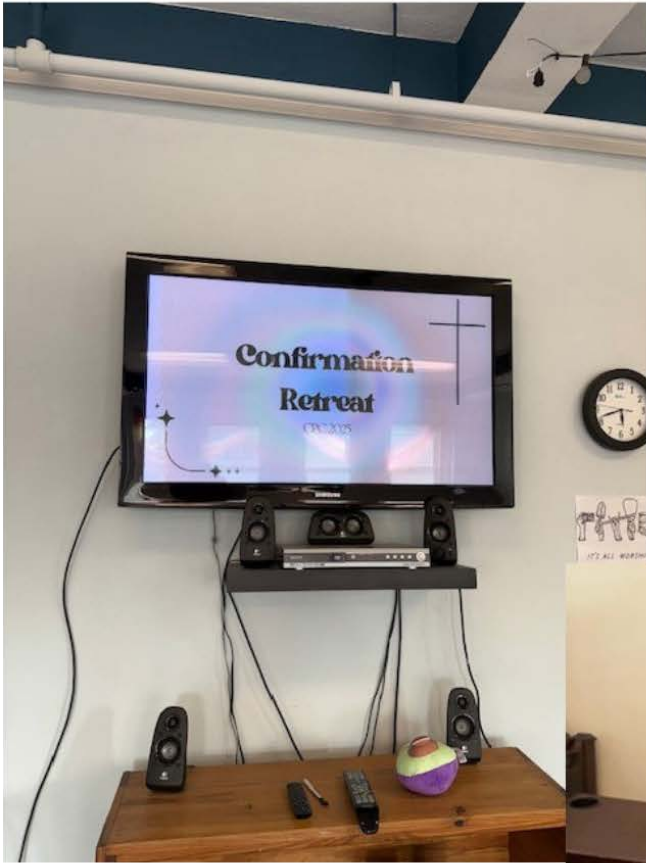


The sacrifice is great



Teaching the military chaplains at the retreat center

CPC's Confirmation Retreat Weekend April 11th-13th, 2025

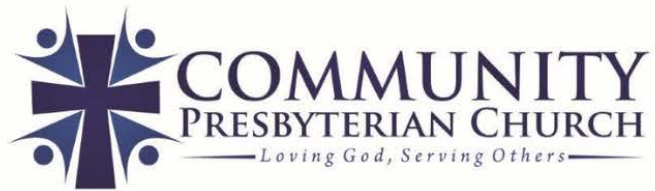


Above: Bible Kahootz and Jesus Jeopardy in the Youth Loft
Below: "Sharing the Love of Christ" Mission talk with Kathleen Erickson



Top Right: Apostle's Creed Memory Scramble

Above Right: Group Selfie with Retreat Leaders Pastor Meg and Emma Lassiter
Confirmants: Pierce Butka, Tate Butka, Gabe Hoel, Evie Miller, Jacob Graham



CPC's Confirmation Retreat Weekend April 11th-13th, 2025



Pictured: Retreatants and Leaders Emma and Meg plant flowers in the Memorial Garden at CPC

We had a great retreat weekend at CPC, meditating on the Big Questions that youth will be asked when they are received into the church during Confirmation worship on May 11th.

Children's Church

We just started a new curriculum for Children's Church called All Together Now. This is an excellent curriculum for churches that have a smaller children's ministry and have mixed ages in the classroom. Our first lesson focused on Jesus praying in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). We started off our lesson with a silly game where the volunteer child had to stand as stiff as a board and we carefully push that child around in a circle. This brought a lot of laughter! The point of this game was to talk about how it can be hard to stand strong against problems in our life. Sometimes we might feel like giving up on something like a homework assignment or a sport, but we can spend time in prayer and ask God to give us the strength to get us through! Our Bible Exploration was called Sleepy Disciples and the children had to act out the Bible story while Emma and I narrated. We set up the room like a garden with some palm trees and started off explaining that after a special supper with his disciples Jesus led them into the garden to pray. The children did a great job pretending they were the disciples falling asleep. After the story we asked them questions like, "Why do you think Jesus wanted his friends close to him that night?" and, "How did spending time talking to God help Jesus?" This kids all shared a time when they felt afraid. We also talked about times when we wanted a friend to be close just like Jesus did and how we have also been let down by our friends before. We ended the lesson with making our own 3-d paper prayer gardens to remind us that we can always look to Jesus for strength when we feel afraid!



Emma Lassiter and Ginny Hobgood taught our Palm Sunday lesson while I was able to visit my parents in The Poconos! I am very grateful for Emma's help and support every single week and feel even more grateful that I know everything will run smoothly on the Sundays I am away. I am also grateful for Ginny and all of her support! The Palm Sunday lesson started off with a game called, Who do you Think I am? Emma and Ginny brought the kids into the costume room and divided the kids into groups of two. Each group had to dress their volunteer up as any character while the rest of the classroom had to guess who they are! I loved seeing the pictures from this! The point of this game was to explain that when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, a lot of people assumed he was going to be the new king of Israel, but He had a different plan! The Bible exploration part of this lesson was called Find the Palms. Four paper palms were hidden around the room with something written on the back of each palm. For example, palm number 1 said just a dab on the back. Emma explained that when Jesus stayed with his friends, one of them poured her expensive oil on his feet and wiped them with her hair to show how much she honored him. She also explained that in Biblical times perfume was very expensive which made it even more meaningful. Then Emma and Ginny put a little olive oil on a cotton ball and put a dab on each child's hand and said, "You are a precious child of God." They ended the lesson making paper "iphones" that showed different images of Jesus to remind us that Jesus came to be king of our hearts!

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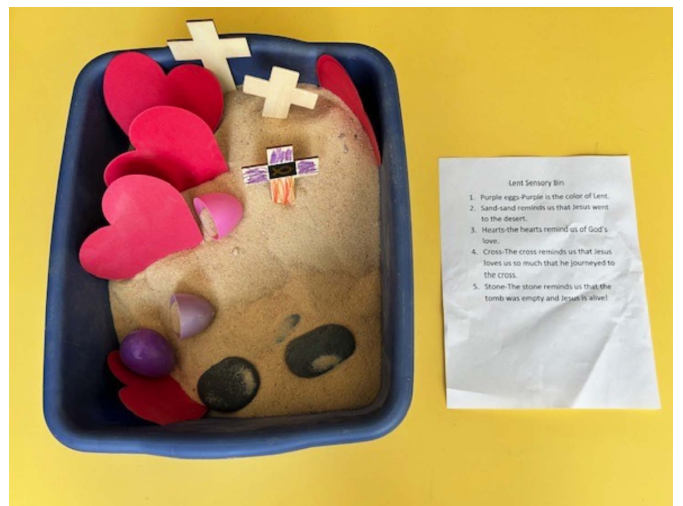


We enjoyed having a full classroom on Easter Sunday! Our lesson was called Breaking News: Jesus has Risen! To start us off we placed a hula hoop in the middle of our circle and took turns sharing pretend news that seems too good to be true! One child shared that from now on everything in the world will be free! It may sometimes seem that the Easter story is too good to be true, but anything is possible with God! Our Bible exploration lesson (Matthew 28:1-10, John 20:3-9, 19-20, 24-28) involved breaking the kids up into separate news reporter groups and giving each group a different portion of the Easter story to read. We made sure to put older children in each group that are strong readers. Kirsten lent us her pretend microphone and the kids did a great job reporting on the Easter story. I love seeing all of the different personalities come out! We played a game similar to duck, duck, goose that involves a plastic Easter egg to get some energy out and ended our time in the art room making paper Easter lilies and tissue paper crosses!



Pre-K/Nursery

Melissa Boone worked on many wonderful options of Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. She has been very generous with her time! What I love most about what Melissa shares is the freedom she gives the children to make the crafts however they like! We made an Lent sensory bin for the children to play with that had different symbols that represent Lent and their meaning. For example, sand represents Jesus in the desert, purple cloth represent the color of Lent, red hearts represent Jesus' love for us, etc. For palm Sunday the children made beautiful paper palm branches and another palm craft that uses different paper strips in shades of green. For Easter Sunday Melissa made a watercolor Easter Egg craft as well as tissue paper crosses, and water color crosses. So many fun options! There were also Easter poems with each of the lessons that Melissa provided. Speaking of Easter, I have to give a big thank you to Evie, Gerlene, Clara, and Julie Pitts taking such good care of a full nursery of littles. It was great to see so many new faces and I am grateful for the staff and volunteers who give so much to our children's ministry.



- Lent Sensory Bin
1. Purple eggs/Purple is the color of Lent.
 2. Sand/sand reminds us that Jesus went to the desert.
 3. Hearts/the hearts remind us of God's love.
 4. Cross/The cross reminds us that Jesus loves us so much that he journeyed to the cross.
 5. Stone/The stone reminds us that the tomb was empty and Jesus lives!

Easter Egg Hunt

This year we switched things up and did an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Kirsten Foyles had the wonderful idea of doing it before church. We had so much fun and it felt like a wonderful way to spend the morning before worship.



Lisset Cruz – Phi Theta Kappa at Sandhills Community College

Lisset started coming to CALL when she was two years old and is still helping with the program. She is graduating from Sandhills Promise and Pinecrest High School with honors. In the fall she will attend the school of nursing at University of NC at Greensboro. This summer

she will teach in the engineering summer program at SCC. Some of her faculty described her as "a student fiercely committed in her class studies" and another faculty member said "she absorbs anything and everything that moves her forward to reach her goals". CALL

is so blessed that Lisset is and was a part of the program, current students look up to her as their model to achieve outstanding grades and they know it is possible for them to go to college. CALL is so proud of Lisset as she continues her studies.



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