



October 4, 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)*

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community. Open my heart, in worship, to the unfolding work of justice and peace that your Spirit has already begun in me. Amen.

– We Are Called into God's Presence –

Uyai Mose (Come All You People)

Traditional hymn from Zimbabwe in the Shona language

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari

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Uyai mose zvino

Choir: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come now and worship the Lord!

Congregation: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

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Come now and worship the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Inspired by Psalm 137*

One: Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow, who have hung up their hope and wondered if God still sings. Come now and worship the Lord!

People: **We come carrying exile in our bones and longing in our prayers.**

One: This is the table where memory is honored, where story is sacred, where strangers become siblings.

People: **We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to feast on grace, to believe again in belonging.**

*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*

One: Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy table is set.
People: **We come not because we are worthy, but because Christ calls us in love.**
ALL: **Come, let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who remembers, the One who feeds the whole world with hope.**

*OPENING HYMN – #289

O God of Every Nation

– We Confess Our Sins –

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples (verse 3)

**Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

– We Hear God's Word –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God,
People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

“To Infinity and Beyond”

Rev. Meg Vail

– We Believe –

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Left Side: **We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup.**

Right Side: **We confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**

All: **Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.**

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.

– We Celebrate Christ's Life and Love –

ANTHEM

A Communion of Compassion

Words by Pamela Stewart
Music by Victor C. Johnson

When our hearts are opened wide, our eyes will learn to see
A hunger in the hunger, a need within the need.
Then our ears will understand the Word within the words.
We will see as we are seen and hear as we are heard.

Chorus: Let your life become a table. Let your living be a feast,
A communion of compassion, serving love with grace and peace.
Be the bread and cup of kindness. Fill the body, feed the soul.
See God's tender-hearted mercy heal the world and make it whole.

Be a cup of kindness poured completely to the brim.
Lift it up that all may taste and drink the sweetness in.
Be bread to those who hunger and nourish them with love
As Christ, whose loving kindness has fed us from above.

Chorus

We share one cup of blessing; we share one loaf of bread.
In Christ we are one body; by grace, we all are fed.

Chorus

Watch God's tender-hearted mercy heal the world and make it whole.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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



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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.

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".

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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

We Are One in the Spirit

This song was composed by a parish priest on the south side of Chicago in the 1960's for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events during the Civil Rights movement.

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*CLOSING SONG

Thuma Mina (Send me, Lord)

This is a traditional South African song written in the Zulu language.

Choir:

Thuma mina, thuma mina.
Thuma mina, Nkosi yam.

Congregation:

**Send me, Lord. Send me, Lord;
Send me, Lord into the world.**

**Send us, Lord. Send us, Lord;
Send us, Lord into the world.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Gary and Sandy Carroll in memory of their parents Jesse and Rachel Huet and Guy and Lois Carroll.

Accompanist: Ed Martel

Ushers: Mike Jankowski, Pam Jankowski, David Butler, Josh Butler

Greeters: Harlan McCaskill

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."

Food for Thought:

As we gather at the table we are mindful of those who are hungry here in our community. One practical way of "making space at the table" is to ensure that our community partners in hunger are well-supported! On this Communion Sunday you are invited to bring forth a donation of items requested by the Sandhills/Moore Coalition and place it in the baskets at the communion table, or in the narthex. Don't worry! If you wish to participate and forgot an item today, you will have an opportunity to bring a donation on November's Communion Sunday. Additionally, we have baskets in the hallway outside of staff offices to receive donations during the week. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through feeding the hungry in our community.

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (October 4)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Annual Fall Festival – Fellowship Hall

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Pinehurst Garden Club – Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Everett House
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Great Room
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Pinecrest Inn
10:00 a.m. PEO – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
2:30 p.m. CALL – Everett House/Fannie B. Gray Parlor
3:30 p.m. Reach for Success – Victory Village
5:30 p.m. New Elder Training – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Great Room

Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
1:00 p.m. Circle #1 – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
2:30 p.m. PAWS – Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Dementia Care Partner Support Group – Chapel
5:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Series – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Property & Grounds Meeting – Conference Room
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library
1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study – Library
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Sunday (October 11)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Hall – Off Campus

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave is out of town for continuing education and will be back in the office on Monday.

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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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

Save the Date Oct 27th 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Calling all CPC families and tutoring families. Mark your calendars for **CPC's Fun Filled Safe Trick or Treat event**. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.. Treating will follow in the church starting at 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. Decorated doorways will welcome our costumed youngsters. In the Fellowship Hall during Fall Festival, there will be opportunities to sign up to decorate a door, or to participate in the event as a treater! Please sign up today as we plan for this exciting CPC tradition.

Reach for Success Needs Drivers!

The RFS tutoring/mentoring program at CPC is growing! To serve them, we need more drivers.

Could you help transport students from Brookside?

When: Tuesday afternoons

Pick-up: 3:15 p.m. at Brookside

Drop-off: 5:45 p.m. at Brookside

Transport options:

- **CPC minivan:** Seats a driver, another adult, and 6 students. A booster seat is provided for our youngest student. OR
- **Mileage reimbursement:** \$3.50 each way/\$7 round trip

Even helping occasionally would make a difference!

To volunteer or ask questions, contact **Michelle Gray at (910) 639-9480 or graymb72@gmail.com.**

CPC Youth Group

The CPC Youth Group meets year-round on Sunday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.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 way to encourage new friendships.

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

Fall Bible Study

Please join us for five weeks of basic bible study beginning with the gospels, the four stories that hold it all together. We will be hosting a five-week class on Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a light meal (pizza or soup & salad dinner) in the Fannie B. Gray Parlor starting Wednesday, October 7 and lasting through Wednesday, November 4. For those not eating dinner, the study will start at 5:30 p.m. The pastors will serve as teachers and discussion leaders.

“Why five-weeks?” You may ask. We will begin with a big picture looking at how we use and understand scripture. Copies of a document from the PCUSA about the understanding and use of scripture will be available in the church office and in the narthex. You are encouraged to pick one up and read through it before our first class. You will also be encouraged, but not required, to read through each gospel the week before. We will begin with Mark since it was written first. We will be looking for common threads and the points of view of each gospel writer. Please join us for our walk through the word.

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