



April 26, 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

O God, you gather all people to yourself. We thank you for this day in which we gather. We thank you for life and one more day to love; for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace; for neighbors and one more person to love, and by whom be loved; for your grace and one more experience of your presence; for your promise: to be with us, to be our God. For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**– We Are Called Into God's Presence –**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Scripture reveals that the early church was a community characterized by prayer, teaching, and fellowship. The faithful ones gathered to follow in the way of Christ, the Lord, throughout their days.

**People:** **We gather as they did, to laugh, to cry, to repent, to rejoice, and to wonder.**

**Leader:** By faith, we profess with Scripture that where two or three are gathered, God is in their midst.

**People:** **Risen Lord, we know you are near. We place our lives in your loving care.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the one who calls us, equips us, and loves us without end.

**People:** **We come to share in the good news, to be a part of the beloved community.**

\*OPENING SONG

*We Are the Family of God*

**Chorus: We are the family of God. Yes, we are the family of God.  
And He's brought us together to be one in Him,  
That we might bring light to the world.**

**Go make disciples of all lives, go show that My way is true.  
Tell them the wonderful story, that they might be one in Me too. (Chorus)**

**Let them know life in the making, let them know peace from above.  
Show them by your own example of love in the family of God. (Chorus)**

## – 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.*

*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.*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we fill our days and our calendars with lesser priorities than the works of your kingdom. While we devote ourselves to worthy endeavors, such as our hobbies, our schools, our teams, our jobs, and our families, often, our efforts are devoid of the divine Spirit that seeks to shape us as your disciples. So often we function on autopilot, instead of shaping our days with intention and purpose.**

**Forgive us when we live in ways that prioritize our own comforts over the practical needs of others.**

**Forgive us when we listen to your Word without really hearing it, or truly devoting ourselves to it.**

**Forgive us when pettiness drives us to break fellowship instead of embodying your belonged community.**

**Forgive us when we consume the blessings of the church without offering ourselves as blessing in return.**

**By your Holy Spirit, forgive our shallow commitments and selfish hearts. Restore to us the joy of a shared life, that we may be a church which glorifies you. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

## – We Hear God's Word –

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism: Natalie Emma Clark  
Parents: Matthew and Madalynn (Beadell) Clark  
Brother: Sawyer Clark

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD –Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

<sup>44-45</sup> *All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Meg Vail

## Practicing Mutuality in a Self-Serving Culture

### – We Believe –

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (*Excerpt from the Confession of Belhar*)

**All: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**All: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe:**

**Left Side: that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another (Eph. 2:11-22);**

**Right Side: that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain (Eph. 4:1-16);**

**Left Side: that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted (John 17:20-23);**

**Right Side: that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**

**All: that 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, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ...(Phil. 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; John 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; Eph. 3:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3-4);**

*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.*

## ANTHEM

### *Crowded Table*

Words & Music by: Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, and Brandi Carlisle

You can hold my hand when you need to let go.  
I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low.  
I can be a streetlight showing you the way home,  
If you can hold my hand when you need to let go.

Chorus: I want a house with a crowded table,  
And a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able,  
And bring us back together when the day is done.

If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seed,  
Plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.  
If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap,  
If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds.

(Chorus)

The door is always open, your picture's on my wall,  
Everyone's a little broken, and everyone belongs,  
Yeah, everyone belongs.

(Chorus)

And bring us back together when the day is done.

## – We Offer Our Prayers –

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 –

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY



**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.*

\*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

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

\*CLOSING HYMN – #343

*Called As Partners in Christ’s Service*

\*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 by Kathleen Erickson in celebration of George Kingsmore’s 90th birthday on April 24th.

Accompanist: Ed Martel

Ushers: Robert Hobgood, Danelle Petero, Kathleen Erickson, Stewart McFadyen

Greeters: Jan and Jon Minoff

Audio: Bob Barmore

### **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

*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 Mission of Community Presbyterian Church:

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

### Sermon Series: Set Apart – Reflecting Christ Not Culture

In a culture often marked by anger, exclusion, self-absorption, and apathy, the church is called to embody a radically different way of living -reflecting the attitude of Christ through kindness, inclusion, compassion and love. The church is most powerful not when it looks like the world . . . but when it looks like Jesus.

- April 26** Acts 2:42-47  
Practicing mutuality in a self-serving culture.
- May 3** Luke 14:7-14  
Practicing inclusion in a culture that excludes.
- May 10** 2 Corinthians 1:3-11  
Practicing compassion in a culture that is self-absorbed
- May 17** John 13:1-17, 34-35  
Practicing love In a culture that shows apathy.

### CPC Financial Update

#### Income vs. Expenses for March 2026 YTD

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse) Than Budget
<b>YTD Income</b>	219,417	234,410	(14,993)
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	207,604	234,409	26,805
<b>Net</b>	11,813	1	11,812

**Note:** Pledged, non pledged and loose plate Income YTD actuals are all 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

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#### Sunday (April 26)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:45 a.m. Baptist Joint Committee Lunch/Speaker – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Youth Loft

#### Monday

- 9:30 a.m. PEO – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Conference Room  
2:00 p.m. Pastor Transition Committee – Library  
4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Great Room  
5:30 p.m. Eyes to See Prayer Group – Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Great Room

#### Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Pinecrest Inn  
2:30 p.m. CALL – Everette House  
3:30 p.m. Brookside Tutoring – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Merit Badge Class – Conference Room

#### Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Apostles Build – Off Campus  
2:00 p.m. PAWS – Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Apostles Build – Off Campus  
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library  
2:30 p.m. Still Us with Dr. Karen Sullivan – Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

#### Friday

- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Apostles Build – Off Campus

#### Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Apostles Build – Off Campus

#### Sunday (May 3)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Brookside Friendship Committee – Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

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

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**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 GCC 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 Sam Crouter/  
Finance Manager in the church office at (910) 295-6848 or at [scrouter@communitypres.com](mailto:scrouter@communitypres.com)

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

**QR Code (for quick mobile giving):**



### SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School 2026!

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**Monday, June 15th - Wednesday, June 17th  
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
PreK through 5th Graders**

Youth Helpers Welcome and Encouraged!

# Northern Moore Community Fundraiser Carnival

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Northern Moore Family Resource Center in Robbins is preparing to host their **3rd community fundraiser carnival on Saturday, May 30th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** To make this event successful, they are **seeking volunteers and partners** who can help us plan, organize, and run the carnival.

## Here are a few ways you can participate:

- **Sponsor high interest attractions** such as **bounce houses, inflatable games, or other carnival style activities** that draw families in and boost participation/revenue.
- **Donate supplies** to help offset event costs, including **grocery gift cards** for perishable foods, **canned drinks, bottled water, paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and plastic cutlery.** **Amazon wish list:** <https://a.co/0hkYMV5f>
- **Volunteer time** to help plan, coordinate, or assist with activities on carnival day.
- **Help design or run carnival stations,** games, or themed activities.
- **Assist with setup, cleanup, or day of logistics,** ensuring the event runs smoothly from start to finish.
- **Contribute funds, materials, prizes, or refreshments** to support the event and enhance the experience for families.
- **Share personal skills or talents,** such as face painting, crafting, entertainment, or other hands-on activities that add excitement and value.
- **Spread the word** to friends, family, neighbors, and local businesses to help increase attendance and community involvement.

Please contact Joanna Oakley to get involved at **(843) 693-4699** or [joanna@moorefamilyresource.org](mailto:joanna@moorefamilyresource.org)

Their program is committed to keeping tuition costs as low as possible for their preschool so that all families in our community can access a safe, nurturing, and joyful early learning environment. Every contribution—big or small—helps us create a memorable event for our children and families while supporting the long-term sustainability of our preschool and programs.

Thank you for your support.

## – Contact Information –

**Church Office:** (910) 295-6848

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday – Closed

**If you need a Pastor after hours, the following can be reached:**

**Rod Stone, Pastor:** (910) 585-0828

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