



July 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 – *(to pray silently)*

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church.
Fill it with all truth in all peace.
Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;
Where in anything it is amiss, reform it.
Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it;
Where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

William Luad (1573-1645)

– We Are Called into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Psalm 100*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

All: **Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us. We are God's.
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's holy name.

All: **For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever.
And God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN

Lord, We Long for Words of Comfort

Words: Carolyn Gillette; Tune: Beach Spring

**Lord, we long for words of comfort, for a gentle, healing word —
That our suffering is ended, that our penalty is served.
For the sins of generations have compounded till our day;
God, the hope of all the nations, give us good news now, we pray!**

**Lord, we long for words of promise when we suffer for our sins,
When it seems that hate is endless, when it seems that trouble wins.
Can we see, in desert places, that there's hope for your new day?
Will we listen to a prophet showing us a better way?**

May we look to John the Baptist, to the prophet you once sent,
For he calls us to be honest, and he calls us to repent.
May we turn our eyes to Jesus, to the one that John proclaimed.
May we see how love can heal us; may we trust in Jesus' name.

May we turn from what divides us, from the ways of hate and fear!
May your peace and justice guide us; may your love direct us here!
God, we pray that, in preparing, we'll find peace and challenge, too.
May we find a new direction as we wait to welcome you.

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– 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone
those things which we ought to have done; and we
have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE CONFESSION

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 3)

**Christ breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 1)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.**

– We Hear God's Word –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – *Isaiah 40:1-11*

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Why Me, Lord?

Words & Music: Kris Kristofferson

Why me Lord, what have I ever done to deserve even one, of the pleasures I've known?
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do that was worth loving You,
or the kindness You've shown?

Chorus: Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it, so help me Jesus, I know what I am.
But now that I know that I've needed You, so help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand.

Try me Lord, if You think there's a way I can try to repay all I've taken from You.
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else what I've been through myself
on my way back to You.
Chorus X 2

Jesus, my soul's in Your hand.

SERMON

Dr. Dave Kivett

"On the Move – The Way Home"

– We Believe –

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (from *The Confession of Belhar*, South Africa, 1986)

*That God has revealed God's self as the One who wishes
to bring about justice and true peace among people;*

**That God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way
the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.**

That God calls the Church to follow God in this;

for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

That God wishes to teach the Church to do what is good and to seek the right;

*That the Church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering
and need, which implies, among other things, that the Church must
witness against and strive against any form of injustice,*

**so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteous like an ever-flowing stream.**

– We Offer Our Prayers –

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*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.*



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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".

– We Share Our Gifts –

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

*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 – #13

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*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 in and in honor of the CPC staff by Harlan McCaskill.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes

Ushers: Robert Hobgood, David Ainslie, Kathleen Erickson, Stewart McFadaye

Greeter: Danelle Petero

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 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.”

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (July 26)

11:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

Monday

10:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Eyes to See Prayer Group – Chapel
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Highlights of Montreat Worship and Music – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Chapel

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library

Friday

Sunday (August 2)

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

A Tremendous Thank You To Our Community Camp VBS Volunteers

Meal Captains

Lynn Delgarn and Sue Ann Summers

Craft Captain

Cathy Hilton

Volunteers for Craft, Meals, Outfits

Bob Boone, Melissa Boone, Scott Brewton, Marie Carbrey, Sandy Carroll, Amy Clark, Patty Franklin, Jane Garcia, Michelle Gray, Kathy Hodges, Gail Kane, John Liles, Mary Beth Liles, Nancy Oakley, Char Popson, Kitty Pyne, Kathy Vail, Cindy Ward

Camp Monroe Staff

Kaleb Joiner, Catherine Sanchez, Camp Counselors

Starting next Sunday

Starting next Sunday, August 2 worship will be held in the fellowship hall.

Come Join Us for Highlights of the PAM Worship & Music Conference in Montreat!

Meg and I were lucky enough to attend the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Worship & Music Conference in beautiful Montreat, NC last month and we want to share the experience with all of you! Imagine a 400+ person choir singing How Great Thou Art with timpani, organ and brass, or worship with a congregation of over 800 worshippers (many of them trained musicians) singing in beautiful harmony, or being blessed with amazing, powerful sermons integrated with creative worship elements - We brought it all home from the mountains with us and we want to share it with you! Please join us on **Tuesday, July 28th in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm** to see what this conference is all about.

Many churches have a tradition of bringing a group to the conference and we want to see if there is a group from CPC interested in attending next year! You do not have to be a musician, a session member or lead a committee - many come just to be inspired and to receive the gift of worship & music in a beautiful summer setting. We will have snacks, share photos and videos, and answer questions you may have about attending. The accommodations fill up fast, so to get a great rental house or lodge, we will need to book early! We hope to see you on the 28th!

Kirsten



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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Pastor Transition Committee

With any transition or change, we may experience a variety of feelings, questions and concerns. Saying so long to Rod and welcoming a new, interim pastor is a big transition. You as an individual and as a member of this community deserve time to discuss the impact of this change. The CPC Session organized a Pastor Transition

Committee. One of its main goals is to support you.

There will be regular communications as well as time to gather and discuss various aspects of this transition. We also appreciate some might feel more comfortable with a private conversation. The Pastor Transition Committee

members or any of our Elders (pictured below) welcome your questions and will be happy to talk with you. Let any of us know you'd like to talk:

Pastor Transition Committee Members: Scott Brewton, Patty Franklin, Dave Gibbons, Sue Ann Summers



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