



September 27, 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

– We Gather For Worship –

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *(to pray silently)*

Appear to us here, God of all people and places, for we need your assurance and blessing. We seek the strength to do what is just and right. We long to see you, even though we sense that a god we could see would only be a tiny part of you whose Spirit fills all time and space. We want you to have a face like ours, so we find your face in Jesus, and occasionally in one another. We want to be certain our decisions and actions are right, but often it is only long afterwards that we realize you were with us. O God, we want to be open to all you are revealing to us now. Amen.

– We Are Called into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP – *From Psalm 111:7-10*

One: The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**All: They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

One: God has sent redemption to the people, God has commanded
that covenant forever. Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
All those who practice it have a great understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

*OPENING HYMN – 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

– We Confess Our Sins –

CALL TO CONFESSION

*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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you call out to us saying, "Here I am," but we do not listen.
You pour out on us spiritual gifts, but we do not discern them.
You call us to build a more just society but we cling to our advantages.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change.
Help us to know and understand Jesus Christ that we might reflect
the God of glory in our everyday living.
Create in us a generosity that reflects your own.
Pour out your Spirit on this congregation that we might understand
and use it to build and repair and restore. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**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 –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – *Micah 6:1-8*

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

The Robe of the King

Words and Music by
Heather Sorenson

They carry their stories in second-hand shoes,
Living a life that no one would choose.
Invisible faces, mostly ignored; these are the ones the Savior runs toward.
Love humbly kneels where pride never walks.
The street becomes church, not temple or mosque.
With hope in the shadows where light does not reach, we'll be Christ in the corners
Where sermons rarely preach.

Chorus: But the robe of the King fits the life without fame.
The robe of the King fits the heart bowed in shame.
All who are weary, all who need peace, come, wear the robe,
The robe of the redeemed.

O Church, look again at the heart of Christ.
His love is not found in self-proclaimed rights.
Our sharing is sacred, our service, divine. This is the place where holy hearts align.

The kingdom's not found in spotlight or show;
Maybe it's stitched into second-hand clothes.
Walk past the stage, and into the streets! It's here the Divine and discarded will meet.
The souls overlooked are now heaven's elite!

Chorus

Come wear the robe, the robe of the redeemed.

SERMON

Dr. Dave Kivett

“Telling Our Stories – Three Things”

– We Believe –

*SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And, when in scenes of glory, I will sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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 & OFFERINGS

*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”.*

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE – *Hymn 432*

Song of Hope

**May the God of hope go with us every day
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the God of justice speed us on our way
Bringing light and hope to every land and race**

**Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that’s new, Faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*CLOSING SONG – 70 (GTG)

What Does the Lord Require of You?
(sing twice together and then as a round)

1. **What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?**
2. **To seek justice and love kindness
And walk humbly with your God.**

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Dan Cammer and his 90th birthday on October 13th by his daughter Beth Skewis.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes

Ushers: Alan Tucker, Kathleen Erickson, Stewart McFadyen, David Ainslie

Greeters: Harlan McCaskill

Audio: Bob Barmore

Holy Grounds: Ellie Morgan

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.”

CPC Financial Update
Income vs. Expenses for August 2026

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse) Than Budget
YTD Income	633,108	625,092	8,106
YTD Expenses	586,433	625,092	38,659
Net	46,675	0	46,675

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (September 27)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Youth and Parent's Lunch – Abraham
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

Monday

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Everett House
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 2:30 p.m. PAWS – Fellowship Hall

Thursday

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

Sunday (October 4)

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting this morning at the beginning of the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is the election of elders to begin their service in January 2027.

The following members of CPC have said yes to the invitation of becoming an Elder. Names and area of responsibility are as follows:

- Joe Franklin – Membership (continue for one year)
Kim Gavrelis – Worship
Kathy Hodges – Discipleship
Stephanie Koontz – Mission
Carter Langston – Admin/Personnel

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>

QR Code (for quick mobile giving):



Fall Festival, October 4th, 2026

The CPC Annual Fall Festival is Sunday October 4 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by using the card in the pew or by contacting Sally in the church office. The suggested donation is \$10/individual or \$25/family. Southern Q Barbecue will once again cater the delicious lunch.

Nancy Oakley is in charge of the Annual Chili Cook-off so please contact her to enter the contest by bringing a pot of your favorite chili recipe. Volunteers are also needed to serve the chili. You can give her a call, (910) 639-0056 or email her at Nancy.oakley@me.com by September 27th.

We also need volunteers to help set-up the Fellowship Hall, help with the children's activities (Bouncy House, face painting, sidewalk drawing and the making pottery) and with clean-up. Please contact Jane Garcia if you can help at (910) 295-1780 or ladyjane515@gmail.com.

Your CPC Membership Committee

Save the Date Oct 27th 2026

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. Treating will follow in the church starting at 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. Decorated doorways will welcome our costumed youngsters. Sign up information and details for both doors and attendance will be coming in September.

Food for thought...

The Mission and Worship Committees are working together to provide an additional opportunity for donating food to our community. Each Communion Sunday, baskets will be at the altar to accept donations of food for the Sandhills Moore Coalition for Human Care. In addition to the regular baskets located in the office hallway, these Communion Sunday donations will both reinforce the continuing need for food assistance as well as expand the opportunity for you to give. **This will begin on World Communion Sunday, which is October 4.** Below is a list of needed shelf stable food items: Canned meats, vegetables, fruit, spaghetti sauce, pasta. Dried beans or rice, spaghetti or macaroni, peanut butter and jelly (no glass jars). Mac and cheese, oatmeal and broth in cartons.

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.

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

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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Friday – Closed

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