



May 4, 2025

**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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

– We Gather For Worship –

(Allow the opening music and pray of preparation to turn your focus to God. Listen for God's spirit calling you into the Divine presence. Be still and know that God is God.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *(to pray silently)*

God of love and peace, you have commanded us to love one another, to live in your love and bear fruit. Let your love be held deep in our hearts. Open our eyes that we may see the evidence of your love around us. Open our ears that we may hear the message of love you proclaim to us. Open our hearts that in seeing your love we may be changed into new and loving people. Amen.

– We Are Called Into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in worship acknowledging we are to Love one another.

People: This is the way of Christ.

Leader: Serve one another.

People: This is the way of Christ.

Leader: Live in peace with one another.

People: This is the way of Christ.

Leader: Build up and encourage one another.

People: This is the way of Christ.

Leader: Seek justice for one another.

People: This is the way of Christ.

Leader: We are called to walk, act, speak, and live all of our lives with the love of Christ Jesus.

All: Come, let us follow in the way of Christ, who is our Savior.

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

**Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven, Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all!**

His body, the bread, his blood, the wine;
Broken, spilled out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing! (Chorus)

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– We Confess Our Sins –

CALL TO CONFESSION

To participate in the prayer of confession is to admit the truth that all is not right, and that we need God to make it right. Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong with our lives, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing. When we confess, we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that we have neglected love. At times we become absorbed in our own concerns and fail to see the needs of others. Other times, because of our busy lives, we are too tired to give ourselves to love's demands and to receive love's gifts. Open us to love's possibilities and expand our view of what love can accomplish in us. We pray in the name of the one who is love made flesh, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

And All the People Said Amen

**And all the people said "Amen."
Woh oh oh, and all the people said "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said "Amen."**

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*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.*

– We Hear God’s Word –

*All children are invited
to come forward for the
Children’s Moment.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM

I Speak Jesus

Arr. Joseph Martin

I just want to speak the name of Jesus over ev’ry heart and ev’ry mind.
‘Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus ‘til ev’ry dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus.

Chorus: Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life!
Break ev’ry stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety.
To ev’ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus.

Chorus

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness over ev’ry enemy.
Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name, Jesus. (Three times)

Chorus

I just want to speak the name of Jesus over ev’ry heart and ev’ry mind.
‘Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus.

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*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*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Why Do You Do What You Do?

Rev. Rod Stone

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This I Believe

by Crocker/Fielding

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.

**Chorus: I believe in God Our Father, I believe in Christ, the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious light,
Forever seated high. (Chorus)

For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus!

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– Celebrating Christ's Life and Love –

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S WORDS

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 –

Generosity Transforms You, Others and The Church

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

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

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

In My Life Lord Be Glorified

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord be glorified today.**

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING SONG

City of God

Don Schutte

**Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great Light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.**

**Chorus: Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing.
For the Lord our light and our love, has turned the night into day.**

**We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free. (Chorus)**

**O comfort my people, make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.
O city of gladness, now lift up your voice,
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice. (Chorus)**

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

*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".*

*BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of Worship

*Please stand if you are able

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes
Ushers: Will Miller, David and Josh Butler, Pam and Mike Jankowski, Jacob Graham
Greeter: Harlan McCaskill
Audio: Bob Barmore/Gary Lewis
Holy Grounds: The Taillacq Family

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Wayne and Jane Ricks in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on May 5th.

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 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!

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 March 2025 YTD

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse) Than Budget
YTD Income	268,865	198,832	70,033
YTD Expenses	196,611	222,877	26,266
Net	72,254	-24,045	96,299

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Violin Recital – Sanctuary

Monday

- 6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Troop 7G – Victory Village

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
6:30 p.m. Pack Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

- 1:00 p.m. Circle #1 – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
4:00 p.m. Dementia Care Partner Support Group –
Fannie B. Gray Parlor

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting – Fellowship Hall
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

Friday

- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Garden

Sunday (May 11)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Fellowship Hall

Pastor Stone's Ukrainian Experiences

Tuesday, May 20th 8:00 a.m.

"The Men's Bible Study group will host Pastor Stone at the Pinecrest Inn with a breakfast meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. Rod will be discussing Ukraine's current situation based on his recent mission trip to that country. You can sign up on the sign-up sheets either in the Welcome Center or church office. If you have any questions, you can contact Gary Popson at (814) 860-1253.

Support our CPC Youth & Brookside Outreach with Dinner!

One Sunday evening each month, CPC welcomes staff from Camp Monroe to host a joint youth group for CPC youth and middle and high school youth from the Brookside community. In addition to activities, fellowship, and small group study, the group enjoys a dinner prepared and served by small teams of CPC members and friends. Would you like to be a part of this ministry as a dinner chef or dinner host? Meal teams prepare and serve a delicious meal to our joint youth group and are needed for the following date:

Sunday, May 18th (4:30 - 7:00 p.m.)

If you're interested in serving on a dinner team on one of these dates, please contact Meg! MVail@communitypres.com

Drivers Needed!

On Tuesday's after school at 3:00 p.m. our Brookside Tutoring Program is in need of drivers willing to pick up students after school at:

Crain's Creek Middle School
4631 Union Church Road • Carthage, NC 28327

And bring them to the church for tutoring and then return them home to:

Brookside Apartments
432 Shaw Avenue • Southern Pines, NC 28387

If interested please call Marsae Stone: (910) 585-0827 or Email: marsaestone@gmail.com

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS will be July 14th, 15th, and 16th from 5:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity we will have a quick 20-30 minute meeting right after church on Sunday, June 1st. Snacks will be provided! If you can make it please RSVP to Molly at molly399@aol.com. If you can't make this meeting but are interested in volunteering please let me know!

Snacks for Brookside Students

Sign-ups needed for May

Tuesdays after school usually 6 students from the Brookside Residential community come to CPC for tutoring and need a little energy after a full day of school, before settling in for more work. If you wish to help, call or email below to get on a date of your choice. It would be confirmed by email and you could bring your selections to the church refrigerator before one o'clock on the Tuesday. Labeled boxes are in the fridge and on the counter. To help, please email Pat McFadyen at pmcfadyen@embarqmail.com.

Suggestions:

Small sandwiches of ham/cheddar or turkey, Chicken nuggets, Chick-Fil-A chicken strips, Activa strawberry yogurt, grapes, cementines, strawberries, cantaloupe, kiwi, mangoes, papaya, bananas, chips, seaweed teriyaki, sesame, sea salt.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SNACKS ALL FALL AND WINTER! OUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN SO GENEROUS AND CREATIVE!!

– May Anniversaries & Birthdays –

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Joe and Patty Franklin5/1
Wayne and Jane Ricks.....5/5
Jury and Susan Brown.....5/6
Billy and Cathy Breeden.....5/14
Matt and Maddie Clark.....5/14
Jon and Erin Flower.....5/14
John and Joanna Oakley.....5/16
Craig and Lynne Phifer.....5/18
Bob and Carol James.....5/19
Chris and Lee Ann Graham.....5/21
William and Kathy Taylor.....5/22
Allan and Julie Williams.....5/22
Jack and Claire Berggren.....5/23
Alex and Kim Gavrelis.....5/23
Bob and Brenda Blackwell.....5/25
Paul and Leann Dockins.....5/26
Rod and Marsae Stone.....5/29

Amy Clark.....5/1
Brooks Mays.....5/1
John Galland.....5/2
Nikki Schwob.....5/2
Janet Burton.....5/3
Susanne Brown.....5/7
Susan Currie.....5/7
Kim Gavrelis.....5/7
Pamela Jankowski.....5/7
Cliff Aikens.....5/9
Ken Pepper.....5/9
Ed Silberhorn.....5/9
Ed Ormsby.....5/10
Ellen Harris.....5/14
Sandra Schnare.....5/14
Jane Garcia.....5/15
Leslie Hosterman.....5/15
Marianna Singer.....5/15

Chris Graham.....5/17
Matthew Weivoda.....5/19
Anna Nunalee.....5/22
Barbara Yearby.....5/23
Marta Kalnin.....5/24
Mike Newman.....5/24
Rachel Taillacq.....5/24
Brenda Blackwell.....5/25
Jane Mohr.....5/25
Harry Vogt.....5/27
Belle Kennedy.....5/28
Cindy Rhodes.....5/28
Maddie Clark.....5/29
Jane Heisig.....5/29
Steve Zoellner.....5/29
Billy Gray.....5/30
Spike Smith.....5/30

