



May 31, 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.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**– Speaking Words to Honor Our Life Together –**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: From first days to last days, God remains faithful.**

Leader: We gather to remember, to bless, to honor, and to give thanks.

**People: With open hearts, we worship the God who holds every season of our life.**

Leader: In the morning, in evening, in my waking, in my sleeping,

**All: Lord you are here.**

Leader: In my pleading, waiting, loving, grieving,

**All: Lord you are here.**

Leader: In my longing, falling, hiding, rising...

In my healing, aching, laughing, praising...

In my seeking, finding, breathing, dying,

**All: Lord you are here.**

*Come By Here*

Arr. Kyle Pederson

**All: Lord, you are here.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Gracious and unchanging God, in a world that is always changing, you remain the same.

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

**All: Through every season of life-through beginnings and endings, through joy and sorrow-you are our constant.**

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Leader 2: When things around us can feel uncertain, your steadfast love endures.  
**All: When chapters close and new ones begin, your faithfulness does not waver.**  
Leader 3: For over 100 years and beyond, you have been present in this place – guiding, sustaining, and shaping us every step of the way.

*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 and ten thousand beside.*

**All: You have held us together as your people. You are our firm foundation. You are the one who never leave us or forsakes us, and whose love never fails.**

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

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN  
(This Sunday there is no Children's Church following Time with the Children)

## **– Sacred Words Shared: Forgive Me –**

SCRIPTURE – *Psalm 51:10, 11*

PASTORAL REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *(in unison)*

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have not loved perfectly. We have missed opportunities to show grace and failed to extend kindness. In this shared life together, we have sometimes wounded one another – in words, in action, and in silence. Forgive us, O God. Heal what is broken. Restore what has been strained. And remind us that your grace is always greater.**

Leader: God of mercy, we lay down what we have held onto- the hurt, the disappointment, the unmet expectations. Not because they are unimportant - but because your grace is greater. Free us from resentment. Free us from bitterness. Free us to love fully and freely. Make us people shaped not by grievance-but by grace.

Leader: We release what we carry...

**People: And we walk forward in grace.**

## **– Sacred Words Shared: I Forgive You –**

SCRIPTURE – *1 John 1:5-2:2*

PASTORAL REFLECTION

*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.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess those ways in which we, as a Church, have not lived up to what you have called us to be;

For times when we have compromised our witness...

For times when we have sought to enlist you in our causes rather than submit to yours...

For times when we love the structure of the church more than the purpose of your church...

For times when we have disregarded those who are precious to you...

For times when we have worked as if we are the ones in charge...

For times when we have fostered discord rather than unity; contempt rather than respect; hatred rather than love.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Leader: As those forgiven by Christ...

**People: We extend forgiveness to one another.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## HYMN

### *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Chorus: This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

## – Sacred Words Shared: Thank You –

SCRIPTURE – *Philippians 1:3-11*

PASTORAL REFLECTION

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*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*

ANTHEM

*A Life of Grace*

Words & Music by Joseph M. Martin

Awake, awake to love and work. The lark is in the sky.  
The fields are wet with diamond dew, as Jesus passes by, as Jesus passes by.

Just beyond a garden wall, the seeds of faith are tossed and sown.  
The sacred rains begin to fall, the winds of mercy blow, and 'neath the dust a promise grows.

And reaching for the sapphire sky, against the hard and stubborn soil,  
A flower finds her heart and soul, and reaches for the Light,  
And reaches out to know the one true Light.

Chorus: We are planted for a purpose. We are meant to thrive.  
We are nurtured by the Spirit. Oh, we were born to rise!  
We are children of the garden, a harvest made of praise.  
Planted for a purpose, to give our hearts to service,  
We are called to live a life of grace.

To give and give and give again, to serve God faithfully; to spend our all, not count the cost,  
And live to bring God glory, live to bring God glory!

Today the fields are full and white, (send me, send me!)  
The need is great, the workers few. (I'll serve with all my heart!)  
Pick up the plow that waits for you. (No turning back);  
Look to the golden sky, the harvest time is drawing nigh.

And so we work till day is done. We mind the wheat and tend the vine.  
We trust in God the source of life. We learn to walk in faith,  
And live a life of purpose all the way.

Chorus

We are called to live a life of grace. A life of grace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please Sign and Pass)*

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;**

**Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;**

**Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks**



**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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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.**

## **– Sacred Words Shared: I Love You –**

SCRIPTURE – *Romans 12:9, 10*

PASTORAL REFLECTION

HYMN

### *Let There Be Loved Shared Among Us*

**Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes.  
May now Your love sweep your people; cause us, Oh Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.**

**Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace in our eyes.  
May now Your peace sweep this nation; cause us, Oh Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding, sisterly love that is real.  
Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace**

**Let there be joy shared among us, let there be joy in our eyes.  
May now Your joy sweep this nation; cause us, Oh Lord, to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding, Christian love that is real.  
Let there be joy shared among us, let there be joy.**

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PRAYER

Lord of the church, let this church be

A place of light  
A place of peace  
A place of love  
A place of your presence  
From here, Lord...  
From this place...

Through us

May your light flow  
May your love radiate  
May your peace reach out  
May your presence be known

Make us, Lord,  
A sure place of your light  
A sure place of your love  
A sure place of your presence

Through us  
Let your light shine  
Let your love enfold  
Let your peace fill  
Let your presence be known.

*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".*

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### *In Christ We Live*

**Refrain: In Christ we live and in Christ we die and in Christ we rise up again.  
Let heaven be glad and let earth rejoice and sing hallelujah, Amen.**

**This is God's house, holy ground for God's people,  
Hallowed by singing and silence and prayer.  
Blessed by the presence and pow'r of the Spirit,  
Founded on faith in the Savior we share. (Refrain)**

**This is the place where the church, as Christ's body  
Meets as a fam'ly where all have their place.  
Stalwart and stranger, speaker and seeker;  
Each need the other and all need God's grace. (Refrain)**

**This is the time when desires and intentions  
Find interaction with God's holy word.  
Trouble and treasure, business and pleasure,  
All are redeemed and restored by the Lord. (Refrain) x 2**

#### FINAL BLESSING

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
Go now in peace, to forgive and be forgiven, to give thanks in all things, and to love as Christ has loved you.

#### 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 by Kathleen Erickson with gratitude for the ministry of Rod & Marsae and prayers for a beautiful new chapter.

Accompanist: Ed Martel

Ushers: Joe and Patty Franklin, Char Popson, Mike and Pam Jankowski

Greeters: Pat and Butch Lackey

Audio: Steve Lapping

Holy Grounds: Marty Gibbons and Judy Vanica

### **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 Cindy Ward via phone or email: (910) 986-0491; ryw2004@yahoo.com.

### **The Mission of Community Presbyterian Church:**

"We exist not for ourselves, but to love God and make God's love known."

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.

### **Preaching Schedule for June**

(Meeting in the Sanctuary)

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| <b>June 7th</b>  | <b>Alexander "Sandy" Stewart. PhD.</b><br>President of Sandhills Community College             |
| <b>June 14th</b> | <b>Major General Steven Schaick</b><br>Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Air Force (retired)     |
| <b>June 21st</b> | <b>The Reverend Dr. Dave Kivett</b><br>Interim Head of Staff for Community Presbyterian Church |
| <b>June 28th</b> | <b>The Reverend Dr. Dave Kivett</b>  |

## – Community Happenings –

### Weekly Calendar

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#### Sunday (May 31)

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

#### Monday

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Great Room

#### Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 – Sanctuary  
8:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Reception – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

#### Sunday (June 7)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
11:45 a.m. VBS Volunteer Meeting – Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Loft

### Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

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Vacation Bible school is just around the corner, June 15th through June 17th! We are still in need of a handful of volunteers to help our “crews” of kids move throughout the building during their VBS experience. Please contact MaryBeth Liles if you are interested. Registration for VBS closes on May 31st. Registration sheets are available in the church office or electronically by contacting Pastor Meg (mvail@communitypres.com).

**The VBS volunteer lunch meeting is Sunday, June 7 in the conference room following the worship service.**

### 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 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 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>

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### 2nd Annual Mission Trip to Western North Carolina

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CPC will be returning to Western North Carolina in September to continue relief efforts following Hurricane Helene. We will be working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through partnerships with local organizations in Asheville. The dates of the trip are Sunday, September 13th through Friday, September 18th (leaving after worship Sunday and returning Friday afternoon). We have room for twelve individuals in our delegation, and several spots have been claimed! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to provide practical hope, love, and Christian care to our neighbors. Delegation spots are available to CPC members and friends through July 31st, after which the wider community will be invited to fill any remaining spots. Registration forms will be available in June. The cost to participate is \$15/delegate payable to Community Presbyterian Church (memo: Mission Trip Delegate). To indicate your interest, please contact Pastor Meg (mvail@communitypres.com).

# Pastor Transition Committee

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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**



Scott Brewton  
Admin./Personnel



Joe Franklin  
Membership



Patty Franklin  
Care



Bruce Geddes  
Property & Grounds



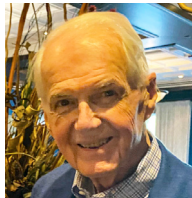
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Cindy Ward  
Care

## – June Anniversaries & Birthdays –

### Anniversaries

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Leo and Jane Garcia . . . . .6/1  
De and Amy Clark . . . . .6/2  
Tony and Barbara Yearby . . . . .6/4  
Stewart and Pat McFadyen . . . . .6/6  
Bob and Melissa Boone . . . . .6/8  
Bill and Eileen Phelps . . . . .6/8  
Bob and Marie Carbrey . . . . .6/13  
Bill and Karen Jacobi . . . . .6/15  
Charlie and Jean Coble . . . . .6/17  
Joe and Wendy McMillan . . . . .6/19  
Ed and Diane Silberhorn . . . . .6/19  
Steve and Patti Zoellner . . . . .6/19  
Chip and Susanne Brown . . . . .6/21  
Chuck and Judith Robertson . . . . .6/23  
Will and Molly Warner . . . . .6/24  
Myron and Barbara Dice . . . . .6/29  
Alan and Ann Tucker . . . . .6/30

### Birthdays

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Kathy Hodges . . . . .6/1  
Don McKenzie . . . . .6/1  
Debbie Smith . . . . .6/1  
Jan Minoff . . . . .6/3  
Rosalie Ruggles . . . . .6/5  
Marty Gibbons . . . . .6/6  
Charlie Oakley . . . . .6/6  
Emmy Oakley . . . . .6/6  
Dylan Brewton . . . . .6/8  
Vicky Byrd . . . . .6/8  
Holly Alexander . . . . .6/9  
Mary Hall Koontz . . . . .6/9  
Tony Hoel . . . . .6/10  
Kirsten Foyles . . . . .6/11  
Gracie Newman . . . . .6/11  
Linda Dalton . . . . .6/13  
Andy Potter . . . . .6/14  
Pat Kees . . . . .6/15  
Ellie Morgan . . . . .6/15  
Dick Baird . . . . .6/16  
Knox Butka . . . . .6/16  
Will Warner . . . . .6/17  
Jerry Epperly . . . . .6/18  
Joe Taillacq . . . . .6/18  
Richard Schnare . . . . .6/19  
Anabel Towers . . . . .6/19  
Caleb Burch . . . . .6/20  
Holly Goss . . . . .6/20  
Bertie Henry . . . . .6/20  
Katharina Stephan . . . . .6/20  
Jan Heldman . . . . .6/21  
Vern Pherson . . . . .6/21  
Meghan Vail . . . . .6/21  
Kathryn Cenci . . . . .6/24  
Allen Jordan . . . . .6/26  
Skip Kendrick . . . . .6/26  
Mike Waschen . . . . .6/26  
Eric Baker . . . . .6/27  
Pauline Hill . . . . .6/28  
Sam Crouter . . . . .6/29  
Joshua Lewis . . . . .6/30  
Kaye Ormsby . . . . .6/30

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Friday – Closed

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