



May 18, 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.*

*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 –**

(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 – *(pray silently)* (St. Anselm 1033-1109)

My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you...  
Let my mind meditate on your eternal goodness,  
Let my tongue speak of it,  
Let my heart live it,  
Let my mouth speak it,  
Let my soul hunger for it,  
And my whole being desire it,  
Until I enter into your joy. Amen.

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Fill Your Jar at the Well*

Arr. Joel Raney

Chorus

Bring your jar to the well where you can be restored.  
With living water for the thirsty soul.  
Well, the Lord is waiting there, and He has love to share.  
Fill your jar at the well and be made whole.

Fill your jar at the well, come to Jesus Christ today.  
He'll fill your heart with hope and joy divine.  
Come, flood your life with praise and the miracle of grace,  
Love will turn your water into wine.

If there's a thirst down deep inside, heaven's well is deep and wide,  
The wells we dig will soon be dry and gone.  
But the fountains of the Lord are refreshing evermore,  
Living water keeps flowing on and on.

Fill your jar at the well, come to Jesus Christ today.  
Come, fill your heart until it overflows.

So let the water pour, be thirsty nevermore,  
Fill your jar at the well and be made whole.

Jesus knows all your sins, and everywhere you've been.  
Give Him all the thoughts that haunt your troubled mind.  
Let His water wash you clean; refresh your life again.  
Leave your cares and burdens far behind.

Take your jar from the well to a dry and thirsty land.  
Pour out the love of God to all you see.  
Go flood the earth with peace, turn deserts into seas  
With the living water from the Lord.

Fill your jar at the well and be made whole.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all who are weary and thirst for peace.

**People: We come to the well where we will be restored.**

Leader: Come, all who hunger for hope and healing.

**People: We come to the well where we will be restored.**

Leader: Come, as you are - broken, joyful, searching, whole.

**People: We come to the well where we will be restored.**

Leader: The Living Water flows freely. Let us worship the One who renews us.

**People: With open hearts, we come to worship our God.**

## – We Confess Our Sins –

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess today the many different ways in which we turn from you.  
We have ignored your word in favor of other voices that confirm our own thoughts and ideas. We have refused to follow your way, insisting on a path of our own making. We have held on to attitudes that contradict your heart for the world. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have compromised with evil. Forgive our lack of faith. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

#### RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

*And All the People Said Amen*

And all the people said "Amen."

Woh 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.*

*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.*

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

<sup>20</sup> *We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Rod Stone

### Being Ambassadors for Christ

## – We Believe –

### \*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 the 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 He 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 life,  
Forever seated high. (Chorus)**

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

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## – 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.**

SONG

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Chorus:**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray;  
A door's gonna swing open, and the walls come a-tumbling down,  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray. And all the people sing **(Chorus)**

You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand,  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray;  
There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land,  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray. And all the people sing **(Chorus twice)**

**Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

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**– We Share Our Gifts –**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*In My Life Lord Be Glorified*

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

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified.**

**In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In our world, Lord, be glorified today.**

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN – #525

*Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1 & 3)*

*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.*

## – 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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Cathy Hilton.

Accompanist: Ed Martel

Ushers: Holly Alexander, Joe Franklin, Alan Tucker and Robert Hobgood

Greeter: Jane and Leo Garcia

Audio: Steve Lapping

Holy Grounds: Ollie and Wanda Sweeney

### **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 April 2025 YTD**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Better (Worse) Than Budget</b>
<b>YTD Income</b>	327,479	263,009	64,470
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	278,280	297,863	19,583
<b>Net</b>	49,199	-34,854	84,053

## – Community Happenings –

### Weekly Calendar

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#### Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
3:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

#### Monday

4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Off Campus  
5:30 p.m. Barbershop Board Meeting – Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
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  
6:30 p.m. Pack 7 Committee Meeting – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 – Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday

12:00 p.m. CALL Committee Meeting – Conference Room

#### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library

#### Friday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Garden

#### Sunday (May 25)

10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

### VBS Volunteers Needed

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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

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#### 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!!**

### Pastor Stone's Ukrainian Experiences Tuesday, May 20th 8:00 a.m.

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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 ether in the Welcome Center or church office. If you have any questions, you can contact Gary Popson at (814) 860-1253.

## Camp Monroe Summer Day Camp

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**Week of June 23rd**

**Ages 6-14**

**Monday –Thursday from**

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



A fun week for your kids. Sign up on the Camp Monroe website.

Lunch is provided and transportation sign ups are also on the website (Pick up in Aberdeen). For any questions you can call the camp at 910-276-1654. The camp is located at 24501 Camp Road, Laurel Hill, NC . . . about 25 minutes from the church. A wonderful week of fun, fellowship and new friends!!

## Drivers Needed!

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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  
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Friday – Closed

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