



January 26, 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 –**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious God, by the baptismal water and the Spirit, you have claimed me as your own and marked me as beloved. Through your love I am redeemed. Allow this truth to shape my life. Strengthen me by your Spirit, that I may devote myself to you and live a life worthy of your calling. Amen.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: 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: 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 Jesus Christ.

**People: Come, let us follow the way, let us love one another, and let us worship Christ our Savior.**

\*OPENING SONG

*How Great is Our God*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,  
Jesse Reeves

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide.  
It trembles at His voice, it trembles at his voice.**

**Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

Age to age he stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The God-head, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing, how great is our God!  
He is the name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing, how great is our God! (Chorus Twice)

How great, how great is our God!

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## – We Hear God’s Word –

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD – *Mark 1:9-13*

SERMON

Rev. Rod Stone

**There Must Be Something In The Water**  
**3. A Call**

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.

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.

*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*

## – Remembering Our Baptism –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *(a period of silence will be given between each confession to allow time for reflection)*

Sovereign God,

In baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division even within the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you made.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON

*Jesus Loves Me*  
**Jesus loves me, he who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
for his child to enter in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

\*RENUNCIATIONS

Do you renounce all evil and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

**I renounce the evil powers of this world and refuse to follow the spiritual forces of wickedness.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

**I renounce them and with the help of the Spirit will repent of my sins.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you remind yourself and one another that the core of our identity is being the beloved child of God?

**We will remind one another of our belovedness.**

Will you nurture one another in living the faith through the church?

**With God's help we will embody the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will pray for each other and walk with one another on our journey of discipleship together. We will surround each other with faith, hope and love that we all may grow in grace and faith and learn to trust God and live in loving service in the world.**

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH – *The Apostle's Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

(You are welcome to approach one of the baptismal stations where the sign of the cross with water will be placed on each person's forehead or back of hand, as desired.)

*You are a beloved child of God, may you live into that love.*

## **– 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.**

## **– We Share Our Gifts –**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

OFFERTORY

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### *The Offering*

**We bring an offering of worship to our King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing.  
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.  
O Lord, we bring an offering to you.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING SONG

### *We Know That Christ is Raised*

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!**

*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.*

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing.  
Alleluia!

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

\*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 Dick and Olive Baird in memory of Dr. Wil Birk.

Accompanist: Cindy Hughes

Ushers: Danelle Petero, Kathleen Erickson, Jon and Stephanie Koontz, Robert Hobgood

Greeter: Jon and Jan Minoff

Audio: Steve Lapping

Holy Grounds: Wayne and Jane Ricks

### **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!

*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".*

### **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

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#### Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

#### Monday

- 4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Everette House  
6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Victory Village

#### Tuesday

- 2:30 p.m. CALL – Everette House  
3:30 p.m. Brookside Tutoring – Fannie B. Gray Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 – Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday

- 4:30 p.m. Youth Director Search Committee Meeting – Library  
5:45 p.m. A Women's Study – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

#### Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library  
2:30 p.m. PAWS – Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

#### Friday

- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Garden

#### Sunday (February 2)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Scout Sunday – Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. CROP Walk Team Planning Lunch – Conference Room

### Congregational Meeting

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There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26 following the worship service for the purpose of approving nominees for Elder.

### Save the Date – Make Your Reservations

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Join us Sunday, February 9th, following our morning worship service, for a catered luncheon and Annual Meeting. Hollies Catering will be serving her famous lasagna along with a salad, roll and dessert. Please RSVP by Monday, February 3. (When RSVPing please indicate any gluten free, vegetarian or vegan lunches you will need.) Come join us for good food, fellowship, approval of the 2025 CPC Budget and information about plans for the church. Cost is \$8/person or \$20/family.

**RSVP to Sally at 910-295-6848 or complete the RSVP form and put in the offering plate.**

**See you February 9th!!**

### Sandhills Crop Walk is Sunday, April 6th!

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The walkers are back! CPC is a participating church in the annual Sandhills Crop Walk, which takes place at Union Pines High School in Cameron on Sunday, April 6th! 2pm check in and activities, 3pm walk. 25% of the funds raised at this event benefit the Sandhills Moore Coalition for Human Care. This year's goal is \$20,000. Would you like to sign up for the CPC team and walk with us on April 6th? Come to a team planning lunch - 45 minutes tops - on **Sunday, February 2nd** after worship. Please let Meg know that you're coming for food planning purposes by Thursday, January 30th!

### Support our CPC Youth & Brookside Outreach with Dinner!

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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 dates:

**Sunday, February 23rd (4:30 - 7:00 p.m.)**

**Sunday, March 16th (4:30 - 7:00 p.m.)**

**Sunday, April 27th (4:30 - 7:00 p.m.)**

**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](mailto:MVail@communitypres.com)





**Reminder:**

**What used to be One Great Day  
of Service is now A GREAT  
SATURDAY OF SERVICE or "AGSS"**

**On Saturday April 26**

We work at Non-Profits in our community  
doing jobs they assign to us . . . painting,  
planting, cleaning, raking and go to their  
places in teams with leaders . . .  
we get bag lunches!

**IF YOU WANT TO LEAD A BUNCH OF  
ENERGETIC** Christians or be on a **TEAM** with  
energetic Christians or your family wants  
to join in, email to: [akpotter428@earthlink.net](mailto:akpotter428@earthlink.net)  
or call (910) 528-1549

Chairman: Andy Potter with the  
Mission Committee



## – February Anniversaries & Birthdays –

### Anniversaries

Jon and Stephanie Koontz .....2/3  
Jerry and Ramona Epperly .....2/7  
Ollie and Wanda Sweeney ..... 2/25  
John and Patricia Reed ..... 2/27  
Lee and Leslie Hosterman ..... 2/29

### Birthdays

Steve Frazier..... 2/1      Marie Dee..... 2/14  
Trip Johnson ..... 2/1      Katie Mays ..... 2/15  
Leighton Schwob ..... 2/1      Allan Williams ..... 2/16  
Herb Teese ..... 2/2      Bob Carbrey..... 2/18  
Laura Williford ..... 2/2      Densel Williams ..... 2/20  
Belize Menzies..... 2/2      Judy Silver..... 2/21  
Butch Lackey ..... 2/4      Sharon Denton ..... 2/22  
Jane Currie..... 2/6      Norm Hylton..... 2/22  
Christy Rudin ..... 2/8      Gary Magee ..... 2/22  
Caroline Warner..... 2/8      Don Goss ..... 2/26  
Judy Kaplan ..... 2/10      Bonnie Roberson ..... 2/26  
Gary Williford..... 2/10      Clare Ruggles..... 2/26  
Tony Cenci..... 2/11      Betty Stine ..... 2/26  
Charlie McWilliams..... 2/11      Ray Linville ..... 2/27  
Kitti Pyne ..... 2/12      Jan Havey ..... 2/29

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*— Loving God, Serving Others —*