



November 10, 2024

**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.

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 –

PRAYER OF PREPARATION – *Saint Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

– We Are Called Into God's Presence –

CALL TO WORSHIP – (*Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16*)

Leader: O trustworthy God, you are our true shelter and security.

People: O Lord, deliver us from all that threatens us.

Leader: We call upon the Holy One, and the Holy One answers.

All: Let us praise the God who shows unconditional love to all and brings us salvation!

*OPENING SONG

Room for Everyone

Words & Music by Laura Hall

We sing praises, we shout for joy.

We gather together, we make some noise.

We open the doors, open them wide.

And welcome everybody to come on inside.

**'Cause this church has room for everyone,
God's love has room for everyone.
No matter where we've been or what we've done,
God's love has room for everyone. (repeat)**

It doesn't matter what you look like, your money, or your job.
We are all children of one great God.
Jesus taught us a radical truth:
To love even people who are different from you.

**'Cause this church has room for everyone,
God's love has room for everyone.
No matter where we've been or what we've done,
God's love has room for everyone.**

**'Cause this church has room for everyone,
God's love has room for everyone.
No matter where we've been or what we've done,
Just like the Prodigal Son,
We sing praises to the Holy One.
God's love has room for everyone.**

– We Confess Our Sins –

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess to you that even as we address you as “Almighty”, we often live as though you were not. For we live fearfully and anxiously without trusting that you care for us, without believing that it is only in you that we have our security and hope. Forgive us when we become afraid of the world around us and forget that you have the whole world in your hands. Renew us, and teach us to put our trust in you. Amen.

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

You're gonna be okay.
You're, you're gonna be okay.
Oh, the sun will keep on rising in that old familiar way,
And every little thing is gonna be okay.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

You're gonna be alright.
You're, you're gonna be alright.
'Cause the stars will keep on shining through the darkest night,
And you can know you're gonna be alright.

*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.*

*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 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.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

READING FROM GOD’S WORD – *Mark 4:36-41*

WORD IN SONG

Ed and Lianne Martel

Sometimes It Take a Storm
Words & Music by Jessica King

When your waters are so troubled, you don't think you count at all.
Waves may seem like mountains, when your boat is oh so small.
But somewhere past the clouds, waits a new day to begin.
Sometimes it takes a storm, to calm your storm within.

(Chorus) Sometimes it takes a storm, to know you need a shelter.
When the anchors in your life, disappear without a trace.
Sometimes the wind will rage, before you sail calm waters.
Sometimes it takes a storm, to find a hiding place.

They were drifting in the darkness, the sea was all around.
They cried out to the master, please save us or we'll drown.
Jesus heard the cries, and mercy stilled the wind.
Sometimes it takes a storm, to see the sun again.

(Chorus)

Sometimes the wind will rage, before you sail calm waters.
Lord thank you for the storms, for I've found my hiding place.
Oh thank you for the storms, Lord you are my hiding place.

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram,
Jenn Johnson, and Brian Johnson

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire in the darkest night.
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father,
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
(repeat)

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

God Will Take Care of You

Words by Civilla D. Martin, Music by W. Stillman Martin



Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide; God will take care of you ____
All you may need He will pro - vide, God will take care of you ____
No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you; ____



Be - neath His wings of love a - bide God will take care of you
Noth - ing you ask ____ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
Lean, wear - y one, ____ up - on his breast, God will take care of you.

REFRAIN



God will take care of you Through ev - 'ry day, o'er all the way



God will take care of you God will take care ____ of you.

– We Offer Our Prayers –

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Be Okay

Lift your eyes to the hill;
Remember where your help comes from.
Lift your eyes to the hills;
You'll never face a valley alone.
'Cause even when your heart is breaking
And you've gone and lost your way,
We're gonna be okay.

– We Share Our Gifts –

*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.*

SPREADING GOD'S LOVE RESPONDING WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD'S
GOODNESS AND GRACE – *Kathleen Erickson for the CALL program*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

FRIENDSHIP RECORD – *(Please sign and pass)*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days,
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Words by Elisha Hoffman; Music by Anthony Showalter

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,
Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

– 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

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 John and Mary Beth Liles in celebration of the birthdays of Barbara and Jane mothers of Mary Beth and John.

Leading Worship Ed and Lianne Martel

Ushers: Nancy and Pat Oakley

Greeter: The Taillacq Family, Jon Minoff

Holy Grounds: Claire Berggren

Audio: Scott Brewton

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.”

Reflections following the Election

Read: Psalm 146

- ¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.
- ² I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
- ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- ⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — he remains faithful forever.

Reflections:

Politicians seem to stand at the center of things. Their decisions and actions can alter the course of history. They exercise power; and power is held in high value in this world of ours. When an election is over, some people are in ecstasy and others are depressed or fearful. For some, their dreams seem to be on the way to accomplishment, and for others, their hopes have been blasted. It is as if everything depends on the politician; it's as if he or she has the whole world in his or her power.

For Christians we should not hold out to the hope that if the right party is in power or if the right person is elected then we will be saved. Political positions and politicians matter, but ultimately do not save us. As people of faith, we do not put our ultimate trust and allegiance in any political party or person. Our trust and allegiance is in our Creator, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. As Jim Wallis states in his book "On God's Side", *"I am reminded again that people of faith should never worship at the altar of politics because we worship God."* Or as the Psalmist declares, "Happy (and I will say less fearful) are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them . . ."

– Community Happenings –

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

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

Monday

- 10:00 a.m. SNG Group – Great Room
11:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Service – Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Designing Women – Great Room
6:30 p.m. Barbershop – Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Troop 7G – Victory Village

Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Pinecrest Inn
8:00 a.m. Care Ministry Breakfast – Fannie B. Gray Parlor
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

- 3:00 p.m. Women of the Pines Board Meeting – Conference Room
3:30 p.m. Membership Committee – Fannie B. Gray Parlor

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Purls – Library
10:30 a.m. Karen Sullivan The Person Training – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study – Library
2:00 p.m. Quilting Group – Everette House
5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Garden

Saturday

- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service – Sanctuary

Sunday (November 17)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Conference Room

Sermon Series

The Book of Kings clearly illustrates that whoever sits on the throne will greatly influence how faithful a kingdom will become. In every age and in every individual, there is a struggle for power to determine who takes the throne. Whether in politics, family life, or our very own soul, we must care about who will sit on the throne, who occupies that central seat. When so many people and things are vying for the power of the throne, where do we turn? During this series we will turn to the prophet Elijah, to learn who is really in control.

To give context and background to the Book of Kings you may want to go to Bible Project <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/kings/> to learn more.

November 17 1 Kings 21:1-28 (Dedication Sunday)

2025 Stewardship Campaign

This year's campaign theme is **Spreading God's Love**. At CPC we have a long and rich history of generously responding with Gratitude to God's Goodness and Grace. This includes our financial giving.

You should have received a brochure in the mail, outlining the church's planned activities that your financial pledges will be supporting. In the same mailing was a pledge card for you to complete. Additional brochures and pledge cards are available in the church office. As you may know the annual operating budget is based on your pledges and it is not constructed until we conclude the Stewardship campaign.

We will have a consecration Sunday on November 17 where you can place your pledge card on the altar during the church service that morning. You may also drop your completed card off in the offering plate any Sunday prior to the 17th, or by mailing or dropping it off at the church office or by scanning and emailing it to the church's financial manager at scrouter@communitypres.com. You can even call the office at 910-295-6848 to request someone pick it up from you.

We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge over 2024. Your generosity will enable us to continue to support our ministry and mission.

2024 Veterans Day Service

11 November 2024

The Sandhills Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA), will conduct its annual Veterans Day Service at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pinehurst on November 11, 2024 starting at 11 a.m. Opening music will begin with a bagpiper followed by the 82nd Airborne Brass Quintet. The keynote address will be made by Chaplain (Major) Christopher Schafer, followed by the annual Quilts of Valor presentation.

The point of contact for this event is Colonel Don Goss, US Army (Ret). His email address is 2vp@sandhillsmoaa.org

CALL Tutoring

CALL Tutoring is held each Tuesday from 3 pm to 4:30 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in the Everette House and nursery. CALL provides classes for 3 year olds to mid-highs. The Moms also meet at the same time in the Everette House. The website is fiestacall.com and we thank Kelly Pritchard for maintaining our website. Go to our website to get a better understanding about CALL. How can you help? Do you LOVE kids and want to teach them to be able to read? You don't have to be bilingual! Join us as a tutor in our weekly gatherings, make a donation if you are able, and always keep us in your prayers.

Gracias, Betty Pope, popeelizabeth3868@gmail.com or text 910-639-1185.

Angel Tree Mission Project

This is a friendly reminder about our Angel Tree Outreach Program! We're excited to support around 150 children from Northern Moore, CALL, and Brookside. If you haven't picked an angel yet, please do so soon!

Remember to return all unwrapped gifts with the angel attached by **Friday, November 22**. If you prefer to donate, you can send a check marked "Angel Tree" to the church office. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these families! Your generosity truly matters!

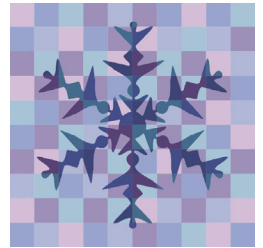
Warm regards,
Gayle Magee & Gail Kane
Mission Committee

Advent Family Workshop

Crafts, food, fellowship, and fun!

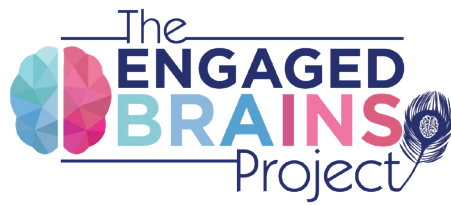
When: Sunday, November 24th
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Community Presbyterian
Church Fellowship Hall



Lunch provided. Children of all ages and their families are welcome!

Please RSVP to Molly Towers by Friday, November 22nd at molly399@aol.com



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VOLUNTEER INFO SHEET

Which group do you feel called to support?



The Person



The Care Partner



The Healthcare Worker

Through Sept. 2025, we will be supporting three groups impacted by brain diseases in Moore County:

THE PERSON, THE CARE PARTNER and THE HEALTHCARE WORKER.

1. Pick the community group that you have the heart to serve.
2. Attend a 90-minute skills training specific to your group with Dr. Karen Sullivan and The Engaged Brains Project Champions on the dates below at Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everette Road, Pinehurst.
3. Bring your skills to our Moore County neighbors and help advance our positive, person-centered care mission!

The
Person

THURSDAY, NOV. 14
10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Community Presbyterian
125 Everette Rd | Pinehurst

The
Care Partner

THURSDAY, NOV. 21
10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Community Presbyterian
125 Everette Rd | Pinehurst

The
Healthcare Worker

THURSDAY, DEC. 5
10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Community Presbyterian
125 Everette Rd | Pinehurst

RSVP to Program Coordinator Carrie Frye

910.690.7570

| www.TheEngagedBrainsProject.com

| carrief@icfyb.com



Deck the Halls

It will soon be time to DECK THE HALLS of our worship space in preparation of the CELEBRATION of the BIRTH OF CHRIST. This year, the first Sunday of Advent is December 1. Traditionally, the following decorations are used to symbolically remind us of the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love Christ brings us:

Evergreens and Holly: Symbolizing the hope of Everlasting Life

White: Representing Purity and Peace

Purple and Gold: Acknowledging Christ as King

Lights: Representing the Joy of light overcoming darkness

Poinsettias: Representing the love and ultimate sacrifice of Christ
– *often given in memory or honor of someone.*

If you would like to honor someone with a Poinsettia or make a gift to the Advent fund in Glory to God, please complete the following form and bring it to the office or drop into the offering plate by November 24.

Given in Memory/Honor of: _____

By: _____

My check for _____ is enclosed (*mark for Advent Flowers*)
(\$25 suggested donation but any amount is appreciated)