

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Guide for the Thankful Life Adult Class** - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall - The Ten Commandments are not obligations or requirements for Christian life. They are, rather, our thankful response to God's amazing grace. We will dig deeper into each commandment - how we need to go beyond just doing (or not doing) what it says on the surface level. We will also spend time praying together. Each evening stands alone, so please attend whenever you are able.

**Women's Coffee Gathering** - Thursday, March 5, 12:00pm-3:00pm, River Maiden, 5301 E Mill Plain Blvd - All women are invited to join us for a relaxed time of community and conversation. Come and go as your schedule allows, there is no formal program, just a chance to connect. We will have a reserved table ready to welcome you, and River Maiden offers yummy drinks and treats for your purchase. More events will be offered throughout the year if you are unable to make this one. No registration needed.

**Men's Retreat** - March 27-28, Columbia Presbyterian and George Fox University - Jesus informs us that we must embody the Beatitudes found in the Sermon on the Mount, not religious platitudes, to experience His blessing. Join us as we go deep into Jesus' Beatitudes with our speaker Dr. Paul Louis Metzger (Ph.D.). For more information and to register visit Church Center.

**Parents' Night Out: Growing Together** - Friday, March 20, 5:30pm-8:00pm, Drop Off/Pick Up: Gathering Area - We will be painting, coloring, and creating our way through the evening with children ages infant-5th grade. Enjoy a night out (or a night in) while we play the night away with your kids... for free! Registration is open and fills up FAST. Register through Church Center.

**Volunteer with Parents' Night Out** - We are in need of volunteers. We are required to run a background check on all volunteers 18 years old and older. Volunteers arrive at 5:00pm. Please email Viva@columbiapresbyterian.org if you are willing to help.

**Work Camp Auction** - Sunday, March 15, 12:00pm-3:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Gym - Join us for one of CPC's most fun and meaningful events of the year - the Work Camp Auction! This all-ages event helps send our high school students to Work Camp, and everyone is welcome. Come, bid, and enjoy the day. Register online to purchase lunch, grab raffle tickets, and get ready to bid both online and in person. Lunch must be purchased in advance to be guaranteed, so don't wait. Register and find all the details at <https://CPC2026.auctria.events>

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**High School Work Camp** - July 4-10 - Students will help rural communities rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Helene through hands-on projects. Each day includes shared meals, meaningful work, and a rhythm of devotions, prayer, and reflection led by Experience Mission staff. Come grow in faith, serve alongside peers, and notice how God is at work in communities different from our own. Registration closes March 15 - please register as soon as possible on Church Center.

## CPC CARES

### In Sympathy:

- Linda Calvert on the death of her brother, Mike Hastings, on February 11, in Alberta, B.C.

### In Concern:

- Bill Wheeler - receiving radiation treatment for cancer
- Bruce Armstrong - on hospice
- Spencer & Laralyn Ellsworth - navigating repairs from house fire
- Scott Longacre - recovering from knee surgery
- Duane Hamlin - recovering from procedure for bladder cancer
- David Hammock - health issues
- Russ Parker - health concerns
- Jake Roest - health concerns
- Susan Randolph - broken leg from a fall, dementia
- Carla Groce - treatment for breast cancer
- Shae Sobottke - recovering from brain surgery
- Beth Burton - recovering from ankle surgery
- Nancy Frederick - recovering from a back compression fracture
- Todd Carroll - on hospice
- Hank Polete - vertigo
- Jeanene Polete - return of lung cancer
- Jim Hudson - health concerns and recuperation
- Kay Thorpe - ongoing health issues



Scan the Church Center QR code for more information, event registration, to give or to download the app.



**Sunday, March 1, 2026  
10:30AM**

Welcome to Columbia -  
We're glad you're here!

### Visitors

If you'd like more information about Columbia, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering box.

### Children's Ministry

Nursery care is available at 9:00AM & 10:30AM for children birth - 2 years.

Sunday school is available at 9:00AM & 10:30AM for children ages PreK - 5th Grade. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary for those who wish to remain in worship.

### Worship Accessibility

Information on enhanced listening support available at the Welcome Center. Braille materials available upon request from the church office.

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## WE GATHER

### “Because of Your Love”

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You’ve poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord, we’ve come to give You thanks for all You’ve done

Because of Your love, we’re forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up with songs of freedom  
Forever we’re changed because of Your love

Yeah, yeah

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### Welcome & Prayer of Praise

Pastor John Yu

### “All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty, and all who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,  
In the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep.  
We sing...

Come Lord Jesus, come  
Come Lord Jesus, come

Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come

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### Prayer of Confession

Pastor Matt Overton

### Passing the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
The congregation confers peace on one another using the words:  
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

*Feel free to not shake hands if you are uncomfortable.*

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### Children’s Message

### “Rescue Us”

Forgive us, Lord when we have gone astray  
We fail to trust in the power of Your Name  
Forgive us, Lord when we have gone astray

We take for granted the sacrifice You made

Come cleanse our hearts  
Come heal our wounds  
We lay our lives before Your cross  
Come and rescue us

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### Scripture

Mark 9:2-27

### The Message

Dr. Andy Root, Guest Speaker

“How Long? Being a Faithful Church in a Secular Age”

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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.

### Words of Institution and Serving the Elements

### “Love Divine”

Purify our hearts with truth  
And guide them in Your way  
Sanctify our lives anew  
Have mercy, Lord, we pray  
That we may do what’s pleasing in Your sight  
And know the fullness of Your sacrifice

We break this bread, we drink this wine  
Remembering the cross  
The beauty of Your love divine  
Is washing over us  
That we may do what’s pleasing in Your sight  
And know the fullness of Your sacrifice

Lord, we come to You we’re amazed by You  
All You’ve done and all You’ve done for us  
You have set us free, oh the mystery of all You’ve done  
All You’ve done for us

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, amen  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, amen

We break this bread, we drink this wine  
Remembering the cross

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### Thanksgiving after the Supper

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### Life of Columbia

### Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### “Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus’ name.

Chorus:

Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
Weak made strong, in the Savior’s love.  
Through the storm,  
He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

### Doxology

## GOD CALLS US INTO THE WORLD

### Prayer of Dedication

### Benediction

*(There will be no sending music during Lent. Through this time of silence, the congregation is called to a time of reflection and self-examination as we consider our spiritual journeys, both as individuals and as a church. The postlude will return on Easter Sunday, to mark the resurrection of the Lord.)*