

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
9:00AM

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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GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor John Yu

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I’d live;
Myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
May every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way!
All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away
Where’er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Matt Overton

Almighty God, we come to You now as Your children because we know we are broken and sinful and need You so much. We have broken our relationship with You and have done things that have hurt You, others and ourselves. We have said ugly and mean words, and acted in judgmental and arrogant ways. We have been impatient and self-centered. We are sorry. Please forgive us. We repent and turn our faces toward You to receive Your love and forgiveness. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #581

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.

HEARING THE 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

Sermon

Dr. Andy Root, Guest Speaker

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

CELEBRATING 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

Thanksgiving after the Supper

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Life of Columbia

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

arr. Dan Forrest
Chris Hayes, cello

Doxology

BEING SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ’s service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction

(There will be no postlude 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.)