

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
September 20th, 2026
THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude *Gail Meeks*
Chiming of the Trinity
Welcome and Announcements *June Stewart*
Call to Worship **“His Name is Wonderful”** *Chancel Choir*
Opening Prayer – Remembering Who You Are *Rev. Rod Stone*

Leader: In worship we are reminded first and foremost, that we are marked by an identity that is deeper and more real than any other identity that we will carry. We are defined not by our titles, reputations, or tasks, but by our inherent value, and connection to the Divine source of all life. Our identity is found in God who loves us, which is exactly what we need to remember and live.

We are reminded:

I have been adopted as God’s child. (Ephesians 1:5)
I am blessed. (Ephesians 1:3)
I am redeemed. (Ephesians 1:7)
I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved. (Ephesians 1:5)
I am a member of Christ’s body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39)

Prayer (in unison). Lord, help me to realize all that I am as your child, so I may claim my true identity and glorify you in all areas of my life. Amen

*Hymn of Praise **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** #43
Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are all precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. You set us apart as your children, yet our behavior does not always match our identity as children of God. You call us to follow; yet we often turn to our own ways. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we fail to acknowledge or give thanks for all our blessings.

Forgive us. When we do not claim our true identity or turn from your ways, guide us back to you. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Chancel Choir **“There is a Savior”** by Nelson, Farrell & Sandi Patty
Children’s Message *June Stewart*

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 1:3-10 (Pew Bible NT Pg. 180)**

Rev. Rod Stone

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“What is your Id-entity?”**

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

*Doxology #815

Offering Prayer

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Sending **“When We All Get to Heaven”** #772

*Blessing and Charge *Rev. Rod Stone*

Choral Benediction **“God Be with You”**

Postlude *Gail Meeks*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Military

Tony Cox
Heather Hess
Andrew Roberts
Kasey Spry
Jaiden Washington

Ongoing

Ray & Connie Barber
Lester Bailey
Wilma Gray Blue
Lauren Bobo
Macey Craven
Phil & Mary Fisher
Pearl Frye
Norman Harris
L.C. King
Jimmy & Carolyn Lea
Susan McCrimmon
Aurora McKenzie
Robin McKenzie
Dot Monroe
Blaine Moricle
Justin & Rebekah Ritter
Donald Robinson
Mike & Cathy Salargo
Carolyn Smith

New

Interim Pastor
Supply Pastors
Full-Time Pastor

Stephen Dickens
Bonnie Garner
Edwina Halverstadt
Josh McKenzie
Kemille McKenzie
Melissa McKenzie
Otis Patterson
Joe Robinson
Sandra Turbeville
Joe Weaver
Jonathan Yarborough

Elder for the month of September: Jennifer Cuff 910-639-5292

We welcome **Reverend Rod Stone** to our pulpit today. Thank you for preaching today. Rod recently retired as pastor/head of staff for the Community Presbyterian Church of Pinehurst.

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God in honor of Homecoming by the Presbyterian Women.



A red rose from the Sarah Ann Fortune Fund is placed for Elizabeth Grace, daughter of Brandon & Ashley Blue, who was born on September 6th.

Today is Homecoming Sunday. Please come and enjoy the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate this day.



Tomorrow will be the first of two nights of **Revival Services**. Each evening starts at 6:00 pm with a light supper and special music. Rev. John Baker will be speaking on “Holy Spirit Intervention – A look into the interactions of the Holy Spirit and Christians.”

- On Monday evening, September 21st, the **Culdee Choir** will be providing music, and the topic will be “The Gift of the Holy Spirit”.
- On Tuesday evening, September 22nd, The **Never Better Band** will be providing music, and the topic will be “The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit”.

Invite your friends and family and plan on attending.



The **Presbyterian Men** will be meeting for dinner and fellowship this Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited.

Please fill out the inserted slip if you plan to attend and place it in the offering plate.

Practice for the **Children’s Christmas Play** will begin on Sunday, September 27th at 5:00 pm. All the children are invited to participate.



On **Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**, a shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall for **Ryann Johnson**. Taylor and Ryann are expecting a boy.

Session has called a **congregational meeting** after the service on October 4th for the purpose of electing a 2026 Elder Nominating Committee. Five of the seven committee members are indicted by our church bylaws to come from Session, Men of the Church, Women of the Church, and Youth. The two additional members are elected "at large" from the active membership of the congregation.

Monday, October 5th – **Session Meeting** at 6:00 pm



Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, October 17th. Everyone is encouraged to take part. There are many opportunities for everyone to participate. Many hands are needed for clean up and for preparing and serving the food. Our Finance Elder has prepared a bulletin board in the sunroom with envelopes listing businesses that have made donations in the past. Please consider selecting an envelope and visiting the listed businesses. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets for one of the 5 lap quilts handmade by the Culdee Quilters are available in the office. The quilts will be raffled at the Harvest Festival.



There will be a meeting for “**Medicare Changes in 2027**” on Monday, October 19th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 25th – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 1st – All Saint’s Service

Sunday, November 8th – Youth Sunday

Sunday, December 13th – Children’s Christmas Program in the evening.

Sunday, December 20th – Chancel Choir Cantata

The Outreach Committee is again offering blue **t-shirts** with the Culdee Presbyterian Church logo. Please let the office know if you are interested in purchasing one and what size you will need. Make checks out to: Culdee Presbyterian Church.



T-shirt: \$13.00

Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$15

Hooded Sweat Shirt: \$25.00