



THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday**-Worship Team Meeting at 9:00/ Staff Meeting at 10:00
- **Wednesday**- NO CPW this week...meeting Jan. 15th!
- **Tuesday-Thursday**-Church Office Hours 8-1:00



THIS SUNDAY

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee, donuts and conversation.

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. Kim Wilks has the virtual class, and the adult classes will study “The Lord is Majestic,” Psalm 93:1-5.

10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

10:30-Worship – Pledges are due back! Griffen has our Children’s Message. Mark’s message *Jesus’ Baptism* Luke 3:15-17. Our January hymn is *Draw Me Nearer*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, My Redeemer, and Near To the Heart of God*. Morning Scriptures: Psalm 29, Acts 8:4-17, Isaiah 43:1-7

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Please turn your Building Fund pledges in to the office, hand to Leigh Ann Wisham or Lisa Scott or put in the offering plates. We thank the 54 people (35 families) who made a pledge this past Sunday. We recognize that many were not able to join us last week so we will wait to announce the numbers until we give everyone more opportunity to get their pledge turned in. Remember, pray daily for our church!

ORGAN UPDATE

Our console (in storage in the corner of the Fellowship Hall) is being picked up on Monday, January 13th for the refurbishing. Did you know all the parts of the pipes are in storage in one of our SS rooms upstairs? We hope to see the organ reinstalled in the coming months.

PASTORAL CARE

Congratulations to Carol Delaney on a new great-grandson. Asher Allen Boyd was born to Brooke and Hunter Boyd, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz 21” inches long. We are happy for this new addition.

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Judy White, Lisa Scott, Mary Sue House, (Baby) Asher Boyd, the Family of Nancy Walker (sister of Judy White).

We are sharing a hymn challenge where we all listen to and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of January, we are doing “Draw Me Nearer”. You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of January. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/ music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

Happy New Year!! We pray 2025 will be a wonderful year full of the Peace of God the Father, the love of Christ the Son and the wisdom, joy and discernment of the Holy Spirit!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

You may pick these up in the Fellowship Hall beside the coffee and donuts this Sunday.

2025 DIRECTORY

Please let the church office know if your information needs updated from the 2024 Directory.

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

December Online Giving: \$3235.40

12/29/24: \$8373.52

1/5/25: \$16,385.13

Building Fund: \$450.00

Building Fund: \$10,650.00

Building Fund: \$32,304.19

Gift to the King: \$150.00

Church Attendance: 12/24/24: 71

12/29/24: 139

1/5/25: 86

Online Viewers: 24

Online Viewers: 35

Online Viewers: 11

Sunday School: 12/29/24: 73

1/5/25: 59 Online Viewers: 16

IMPORTANT DATES:

- CPW meeting January 15th at 1:00
- Mission/Clinic Building Meeting January 19th after Worship
- Session meeting January 21st at 5:00
- Presbytery Worship and Reception February 2nd at 3:00
- Wednesday night programming restarts on February 19th (Choir and Cumberland Kids)

MISSION/CLINIC BUILDING

What are we going to do with it? If you would like to weigh in on that, there will be a meeting following worship on Sunday, January 19th in the Fellowship Hall. Do let Chase Randolph know if you are willing to serve on that committee for ongoing planning.

WORSHIP AND RECEPTION

You are invited to our Presbytery sponsored Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination Day Celebration Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the Loudon CP Church. The program begins at 3:00 (Sanctuary) and is followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments (Fellowship Hall).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our highest church court will be in Knoxville this year. Make plans to come to worship opportunities with CPs from all over the world the week of June 15-20.

POEM

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
 Watch your words; they become actions.
 Watch your actions; they become habits.
 Watch your habits; they become character.
 Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.
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PRAYER LIST

Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, Arthur Kelso, John R. and Carrie Newman, Judy White, the Family of Nancy Walker, Lisa Scott, Mary Sue House, Asher Boyd, Jannell Costa, Nancy Willis, travelers, and unspoken.

THANK YOU

It was a pleasant birthday surprise a week ago when it was announced that there would be a birthday reception after church. I loved the cookies, the best wishes, cards and gifts and especially, the cards from the kids. Oh, yes, I liked that ice cream punch, too! Thank you to all who put that together and stayed and helped make it fun for all. I am blessed to be a part of such a fine group of people. Mark

YOUTH RETREAT

Four of our youth plus Griffen joined the Bever Creek CP Youth Retreat this past Friday night. Way to represent!



If there were cellphones at the Red Sea

OUR STAFF:

- Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
- Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
- Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
- Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
- Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
- Katie Parkin: IT Support
- Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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