

Welcome to Community in Christ, Presbyterian

September 20, 2026

Preparation Music with Acolyte **Makaylah Venable**

Musician **Andy Bucior**

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist **Jim Routh Jr.**

*Call to Worship (Unison)

We are called into the wilderness, led by Miriam and the women who sang. At times, we are afraid and complain. When the path becomes difficult, we long for what is familiar. Yet we are called through the wilderness a new way of living and being. God, be with us. Stay near.

Word in Music

O That I Had a Thousand Voices...

CIC Choir

Celebration of Two Women

Including Children's Moment



Jo McGuire's 100th Birthday

Jo McGuire is the beloved matriarch of Community in Christ, Presbyterian. When you visit her at Clapp's, she welcomes you with her bright smile and joyful spirit. Her eyes sparkle simply because you have taken a few minutes to visit. If you have time, Jo will gladly share stories with you. So, let us count one hundred pennies together and enjoy a couple of classic Jo stories. Every Christmas, we treasure the special recording of Jo reading the Christmas Story—a precious tradition that continues to remind us of the warmth, joy, and love she has shared with us all.

Miriam

Exodus 15: 1-2

Miriam was the sister of Moses and Aaron in the Bible and a recognized prophetess in the Book of Exodus. She appears in Exodus, Numbers, and Micah as a worshipper, prophet, and significant figure in Israel's early history. Her role is important since it helped shape Israel's path and demonstrates both outstanding faith and human weakness.



*Opening Hymn

"The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known. Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name: Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract and scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true, when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company, I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession Read and pray the hymn and consider, **Will You?**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace of Christ *The Peace of Christ be with you. And also, with you.*

The Lesson Exodus 16:2-15

Jim Routh, Jr.

The Word Opened *Tensions in the Wilderness*

Rev. Marcia M. Cham

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn to Go Forth

Reprise of "The Summons"

*Benediction and Response. ***Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you; Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.***

*Please stand if able

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service today for the purpose of electing two members of the new Elder Class and two members of the Endowment Committee.

Congregational Meeting

Rev. Marcia M. Cham

The following slate of officers for election will be presented at the **Congregational Meeting** today. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. If you intend to nominate someone, please confirm in advance that the individual is willing to serve.

Two Elder Nominees (3-year terms):

Cindy Bumgarner

Ron Walters

Two Endowment Committee Nominees (3-year terms):

Tim Hotz

Hope Rife

- A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who walked, gave, volunteered, and supported this year's **Steps of Hope** to help food-insecure individuals and families throughout Guilford County!

*If you have not had a chance to donate yet, **there is still time to make a difference!** You can contribute in any of the following ways through the end of September:*

- Write a check to **CIC** with "**GUM**" in the memo line.
- Write a check directly to **GUM**.
- Place cash in a **GUM envelope**, available in the narthex.

We are truly grateful for your generosity! Together, we can take one more step toward a stronger, more caring community.

- Tour **Victory Junction** with us! Curious about where all our bears go? Join us for a special guided tour of Victory Junction when we deliver them! Tours are available Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We will select a date and time that works best for everyone who signs up. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Keven Cockrell at keven1@bellsouth.net or (336) 558-5811. We hope you will join us for this special opportunity to see Victory Junction and the difference our bears are making!

Elders of the Month for September: Ashley Venable & Bobbie Gaddy

Greeters TODAY: Cindy & Dave Bumgarner

Greeters NEXT Sunday 09/27/2026: Betty Gilmore, Carol & Dell Gilmore