The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood – Revelation 1:5
† indicates the congregation standing if able • indicates seating for those detained
The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

The Welcome ..... Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Prelude — Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ..... arr. Anne Davis

The Introit ..... Hughes Huffman

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him, praise Him angels in height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him, praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the God of our salvation, Hosts on high His power proclaim,
Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name!

The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... Psalm 40:4, 5

4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to
the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! 5 You have multiplied, O
LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none
can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more
than can be told.

The Prayer of Invocation

• † **The Hymn of Praise —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 434)* ..... BEECHER

Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver

† **The Confession of Faith** ..... The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. *(*universal)*

† **The Gloria Patri —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 735)* ..... GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer ..... Rev. Hendrick

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.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem ..... arr. Austin Lovelace

What Shall I Render to My God

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace and to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have and all I am upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whatever is mine.
Born in Thy family below and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love Who hath thy sins forgiven,
Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of Heaven!

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

• † **The Hymn of Preparation —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 585)* ..... HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be

(Children K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children's Church on the final verse)

The New Testament Reading ..... 2 Corinthians 8:1—15 (Page 967)

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon ..... Rev. Hendrick

WHY TITHE?

I. Grace of God (v. 1, 9)

II. Relationship to God (v. 5)

III. Partnership with God (v. 4)
- A.) Pay the Levites (Numbers 18:24; 1 Cor. 9:13, 14)
- B.) Help the poor (Lev. 14:29)
- C.) Expand the Kingdom (2 Cor. 9:12ff)
- D.) "Suppers" (Lev. 14; Deut. 14:23, 26)

IV. Blessings from God (v. 6, 8)
- A.) Gratitude to God (v. 3, 4; Gen. 14, 28; Prov. 3)
- B.) Worship God for grace received
- C.) Teaching from God

† **The Hymn of Response —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 76)* ..... LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† **The Benediction** ..... Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude — Rejoice, the Lord is King ..... arr. James Boeringer

The Evening Service, six o'clock

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit – Ephesians 2:22
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The Prelude — Lead Me to Calvary ..... arr. Dan Forrest

The Welcome ..... Rev. Ryan Bigham

The Scriptural Call to Worship ..... Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

The Prayer of Invocation

• † **The Hymn of Praise —** *(Family Songs, No. 12)* ..... CWM RHONDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

The Pastoral Prayer ..... Rev. Bigham

The Offering & The Offertory ..... arr. Molly Ijames

Be Still My Soul

• † **The Hymn of Preparation —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 520)* ..... GERMANY

Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

(Children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for Children's Choir on the final verse.)

The New Testament Reading ..... Matthew 22:1—14 (Page 827)

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon ..... Rev. Robbie Hendrick

THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST:
WHO'S IN, AND WHO'S OUT

The parable of the two sons (21:28—32)
The parable of the tenants (21:22—46)
The parable of the wedding feast (22:1—14)

I. Commentary
II. Characters
III. Comparison
- A.) Digression of relationships
  Familial, employer, guest
- B.) Progression of punishment
  Opportunity missed, opportunity taken away, outcome
- C.) People of the Kingdom
  1.) Believing (21:32)
  2.) Fruit producing
  3.) Garment wearer (Phil. 3:9)
  Isaiah 61:10 — I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...

† **The Hymn of Response —** *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 521)* ..... SOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

† **The Benediction** ..... Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude

All of this and more can be found at *myccp.faith*
Announcements

Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study — The menu this week is vegetable beef soup, cornbread, rolls and dessert. Please make a reservation for dinner using the Friendship Register or on the church website, *myccp.faith* under the events tab by Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

New Sunday School Class — Our new Sunday School class for college-age students meets in the choir room at 9:45 a.m. and is open to high school graduates, ages 18–25. For questions, please contact Mr. Joe Beasley.

Art on Southern Pines — Looking for holiday decorations? Want to start your Christmas shopping early? Need a unique gift for a special person? Do you enjoy supporting local artisans? Then Art on Southern Pines is the place to be on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00-2:00 on the church grounds.

Inquirer's Class — Led by the Rev. Robbie Hendrick, this class is for anyone who is considering membership and/or wanting to know more about our church. This six-week class will be held during the Sunday school hour. Please RSVP at the Welcome Table or call the church office at (706) 210-9090.

Prison Ministry Opportunity — Support Kairos Ministry at Trenton Correctional Institution by baking cookies. Your home-baked cookies show incarcerated men that someone cares, offering hope and trust. Make as many dozen as you would like, none are ever wasted. Most types of cookies are needed (2" max). Durable cookies like oatmeal or chocolate chip — no sugar toppings, icing, fruit, raisins or nuts — work best. Drop off a dozen per Ziploc bag at CC,P by October 25. More information is available on the visitor table in the Narthex. You may also contact Lee Carter at 706-589-3688 for details.

Fall Festival — Our annual Fall Festival is just around the corner on Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for donations of a few key items. If you can contribute, we would greatly appreciate your help with any of the following: Hershey chocolate bars, graham crackers, marshmallows and small to medium pumpkins.
Please drop off any donations at the church office. Thank you so much for your generosity and support in making this a wonderful event for everyone!

Sanctuary Choir — Sing in the Christmas Lessons and Carols! If you have experience singing in a choir, please come join us as we prepare for our special Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13 at 6 pm.
Here are the rehearsals:
Saturday, 11/7 and 11/21 at 9:45 am
Saturday, 12/5 and 12/12 at 9:45 am
Sunday, 12/13 at 5:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars

⇒ **Art on Southern Pines —** October 24 from 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
⇒ **Operation Christmas Child —** October 25 through November 15
⇒ **Daylight saving time ends —** November 1
⇒ **Fall Festival —** November 4
⇒ **Fellowship Luncheon —** November 8
⇒ **Thanksgiving Service —** November 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Financial Report

	September 2026	Year-to-date	2026 Budgeted
Revenue	70,720.43	730,787.08	1,157,761.19
Expense	83,011.46	712,095.56	1,041,200.24
Income	(12,291.03)	18,691.52	116,560.95

Mortgage	
Prior Mortgage Balance as of 9/5/2026	2,074,932.01
Current Mortgage Balance as of 10/5/2026	2,055,027.55
Monthly Mortgage Reduction	19,904.50

This Week at Christ Church
Week of October 18 — October 24

SUNDAY, October 18
6:00 a.m. ..... WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
7:00 a.m. ..... WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
9:45 a.m. ..... Sunday School .....Assigned Locations
Nursery I (Birth–23 mos.)..... Nursery I
Nursery II (24–47 mos.).....Children's Building
K4 through Grade 5.....Children's Building
Grades 6–12 .....Youth Building
Adult..... .....Various Locations
11:00 a.m. .....Morning Worship .....Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. ..... AYC Rehearsal.....Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. .....Ladies Online Prayer Group
Maria Russell (*edmcarman@gmail.com*; *706-726-1703*)
6:00 p.m. .....Evening Worship .....Sanctuary
TUESDAY, October 20
6:30 p.m. .....Young Adult Bible Study ..... Children's Building
7:00 p.m. .....Augusta Bible Study..... Moncrief Home
WEDNESDAY, October 21
5:30 p.m. ..... Fellowship Dinner .....Covenant Hall
6:00 p.m. .....Children & Youth Activities ..... Assigned Locations
6:00 p.m. ..... Adult Bible Study.....Covenant Hall
7:00 p.m. .....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....Sanctuary
THURSDAY, October 22
7:30 p.m.. ..... Ladies Online Prayer Group
FRIDAY, October 23
7:00 a.m. ..... Men's Prayer .....Church Office
10:00 a.m. .....Ladies Friday Bible Study .....Covenant Hall
SATURDAY, October 24
10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. .....Art on Southern Pines .....Church Campus

Assisting in the Services

The elder greeting at the doors before this morning's service is John Clark.
Ushers are Stu Dawley, Michael Carter & Dan Campbell; security is Jon Kunze.
The Deacon on Duty is Davis Mellick.

The elder greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Johan Hubenthal.
Ushers next Lord's Day will be Davis Mellick, Jon Kunze & Lee Carter.
The Deacon on Duty next week will be Gene Gojda; security will be Joshua Doss.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week

Rick & Betty Aschmann, Mission to the World

Pray that God will guide them as they continually search for any and every way possible to reach the Quichua-speaking people for Christ.

Current Officers With Class Year

Elders

Johan Hubenthal (2026) — *Charles McClure (2027)* — *Joe Beasley (2028)*

Deacons

Lee Carter (2026) — *Dan Campbell (2027)* — *Ken Lynch (2027)*
Hank Gautreaux (2026) — *Gene Gojda (2027)* — *Richard Turner (2027)*
Davis Mellick (2026) — *John Kunze (2027)* — *Ed Russell (2028)*

Christ Church, Presbyterian
The Lord's Day, October 18, 2026

Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

And this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.
2 Corinthians 8:5

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God's Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord's Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please contact the church office to meet with or talk to a pastor.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*
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