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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through
Life

The Mission of the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help everyone connect with God's people, discover God's presence, learn God's promises, and find their unique God-given purpose for their lives.

Worship Together Weekly



Sunday Mar 1, 2026

John 8: Jesus Encounters A Sinful Woman

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

10:30 am - Second Service

Second services in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams>

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Mar. 1 , 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Marcia
10:30 - Sharon

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Wesenbergs
10:30 - Dixie B. and Carol N.

Liturgist

9:00 - Louise R.
10:30 - Terry H.

Are you ready to be Connected by Serving?

*Help with Coffee * Greet People * Usher*

Let Wanda in the office know and she will get you connected

Give Gratefully

	2/22/26		
Total Local Deposits	\$2,826	9:00 am Service	39
Online Donations	\$314	10:30 am Service	55
Total Weekly Offering	\$3,140	Total Attendance	94
Pledge Fulfillment	\$5,000	Attendance (4 wk avg)	87
Total Deposit	\$8,140	Weekly Offering (4 wk	\$4,858



Offering Counters For March -

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Feb 26, 2026

Please remember that this prayer list can also be seen on the Bridge Website within Currents. Avoid including private information in your requests unless you plan it to be public knowledge.

Please keep the following individuals and concerns in your thoughts and prayers:

Health and Healing

- John Larkin: Strength and recovery during illness.
- Anne Graham: Continued healing at home.
- Marilyn Vernon: Strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Mary Ellen Cole: Gratitude for her recovery from a recent fall.
- Lanell Boyett: Recovery from a broken hip sustained in Barbados.
- Elissa Haley: Healing from a mastectomy and prayers for a cure.
- The Sick and Burdened: All those facing private struggles or illness.

Celebrations and Thanks

- New Covenant Partners: A warm welcome to Dick and Barbara Hubbard, Norma Scott, and Steven and Rita Migliore.
- Baptism: Blessings to Rita Migliore following her baptism last week.
- The Bridge: Thanks to the volunteers providing essential transportation to church.

Our Community and World

- Street Reach: Their ongoing mission to serve the homeless.
- The Vulnerable: For the homeless and the forgotten.
- Global Concerns: Peace for our country and the world.

IF YOU' RE A GEN XER OR A BOOMER, YOU'VE WALKED LIKE AN EGYPTIAN , MOONWALKED, WALKED THIS WAY, WALKED ON THE WILD SIDE, WALKED IN SUNSHINE, WALKED THE LINE AND WALKED 500 MILES. IT'S OKAY TO BE TIRED.

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910)269- 9696 text or phone. There are also yellow request cards available in the church hallway across from the coffee bar. You can also send a request through our website. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested

*Come meet or get reacquainted with
Kiza Masanga
Sunday, March 15th
(between services and after second service)*

Kiza is a covenant partner who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Many young boys in the Congo are kidnapped by militia and forced to become "boy soldiers." To protect them from this evil, these boys flee to other countries and may wait for decades to be granted US asylum and refugee status. Kiza received refugee status and is a legal immigrant in the US.

Kiza has sacrificed much to come to the US. He had to leave his home in the Congo, his partners, and he spent years in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. To find work, he moved to South Africa. Although work was sparse, he found a wife and started a family.

His refugee application was finally approved, so he moved back to Zimbabwe, leaving his wife, children, and siblings in South Africa. Two years ago Kiza arrived in Wilmington, NC, sponsored by CWS and the bridge.

On March 15th we will honor Kiza and reintroduce him to the congregation.

He still needs help with school, to get a GED, and learning to drive, to get a better job, among other activities. Helping Kiza and other refugees is a rewarding experience and helps us draw closer to God.



Please come to learn about the courageous young man, I'm proud to call my God son.

Mark Hammer



Cherish Children

February Mission Partners

Cub Scout Pack 118



Cub Scout Pack 118 is one of our Sustainable Mission Partners for the month of February. They greatly appreciate the support you have already given them for several years. Your support has been overwhelming.

The Cub Scouts meet at the church on Monday evenings, and sometimes on Saturdays. They just finished their annual enrollment (\$248 per scout). This month (February) each Cub Scout who builds a pinewood vehicle will race the "car" they build at the annual "Pinewood" derby. The cub scouts are also working on tasks which lead them to achieve advancement to the next rank. Lions are kindergarteners. First graders are in a Tiger den. Second graders are in a Wolf den. Third graders are in a Bear den, and fourth and fifth graders are in Webelos dens until they transition to a Boy Scout Troup. The fifth graders work on the Arrow of Light rank. The Cub Scouts have a Blue and Gold banquet to honor the birth month of scouting, award badges, and they have an Arrow of Light ceremony to honor scouts who are crossing over to a Boy Scout Troup (most go to Troup 747 at Woodburn Presbyterian Church),

The Scouting program needs your continued support. It is difficult for some scout families to pay for annual dues, camping / activity expenses, and uniforms, especially those families who have multiple scouts in the pack.

To help, please mark monetary donations for "Boy Scouts" this month. Your donations will be used for camping fees and supplies, uniforms, and registration fees.

As always, the scouts appreciate your prayers and support! The Cub Scouts are working to BE PREPARED for life, and your support means so much!

Find Purpose through Service

February Mission Partners

Bluefield Memory Care



THE BLUEFIELDS

MEMORY CARE

The Bluefields Memory Care is a community dedicated to providing the best possible environment for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Our Bridge volunteers organize monthly Worship Services and Craft Days to fellowship with our friends, and remind them of God's love.

For the month of February, we will be collecting items for the residents to enjoy during their activities.

The Bluefields Wish List

Craft supplies, colored pencils, canvases, brushes, washable paints and markers, craft paper, card stock, glue sticks, stickers, wooden paintable crafts, sewing kit, bracelet kit, nail polish, acetone remover and pads.

Bingo prizes- hats, bracelets, canned sodas, and snacks.

There will be a place in the hall for your donations You can also give a monetary gift to made out to the Bridge with Bluefield in the memo line

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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

The Bluefields is located at
1935 Lincoln Rd.NE in Leland.



Due to conflicts with Bluefield staff, there will be no
crafts today .

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Mar. 5th at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room. Volunteers are needed to help the residents with songbooks, purchase/serve cookies, sing along, and enjoy worshipping God with our Bluefields friends.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one, and arrive by 1:20p.m. For more information or if you are bringing cookies for the residents, contact Susan Stanewick at ssanewick@gmail.com



Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups

**Matthew's
Ministry**
Food Changes Lives



Packing will be
THIS Sunday, March 1st immediately after the
10:30 Service

“The Chosen” Small Group Study

Have you seen the TV Show **THE CHOSEN**? Have you Heard about it?

Would you be interested in doing a Bible Study based on the show?

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the hall.

We are trying to see if there is enough interest in doing this small Bible Study Group.

You can also call or email the church office at thebridgepres@gmail.com or 910-769-4951
and let Wanda know

The Great Chili Cookoff



1st Place - Marge Hall



2nd Place - Linda Wells



3rd Place - Debby
Rosamalia

Winners of the Chili Cook Off



Practice a Christ - Centered Active Lifestyle

Warnock Hall – Fridge Clean Out!

- The Hospitality Ladies are on a cleaning spree!
- Anything outdated, unmarked, or gross **will be thrown out!!**
- Remove or label any contents that you deem safe to eat and worthy of keeping **no later than March 8**



Adult Vacation Bible School. June 9 - 11
The bridge Presbyterian Church

Hope Dies Last:
The Story of Ruth and
Naomi

Coming this Summer 2026!
Do you remember how much fun you had at VBS as a kid??

Well – we at the bridge are inviting you to join us in an adventure –
our first ever ADULT VBS !

Please mark your calendars now for June 9th - 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm here at
the church.

We will engage in Bible study, crafts, recreation and of course food!

We are looking for volunteers to oversee as director and others to organize crafts,
games and food. We will assist and provide materials.

Contact the church office at thebridgepres@gmail.com to volunteer or with questions



Refresher class for CPR, AED, and First Aid taught by the YMCA at The Bridge.

Are you interested in a Refresher class for CPR, AED, and First Aid?

The class is FREE. The class will be 3-4 hours long.

The YMCA is providing all of the materials
(CPR dummies, masks, etc.),

Please let Gary Lewis know via email glewis5169@gmail.com or
phone / text 407 497 8646.

We are planning to have a YMCA instructor at The Bridge and want to
know how many will attend.

The date / time will be set by participants (assuming the YMCA instruc-
tor is available).



Thoughts from Judson, our Music Director

Hey everybody, one of my goals this year is to connect with my bridge family more. So, I'm going to be writing an occasional blog and posting in Currents. I certainly welcome your feedback. You can catch me after worship or email your thoughts to judsonhurd@gmail.com

As you were aware, there was a major cultural event recently involving two teams and a halftime show. This event is usually one that Americans can come together regardless of political differences. However, due to the political climate in our country and our fallen, sinful nature (Romans 5:12), that was not the case this year. Here are some thoughts I pray that will help you in your spiritual life and worship.

Serving the King Above All

"So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31 NRSVUE

On Super Bowl night, millions of Americans encountered not just football, but there was music and a message. In 2026, the official halftime show was headlined by [Bad Bunny](#), a global, influential Puerto Rican artist, who presented a Spanish-language set featuring prominent musicians such as Ricky Martin and Lady Gaga. At the same time, Turning Point USA presented a parallel halftime event featuring country musicians, headlined by Kid Rock. Each event drew its own audience with a different stylistic and cultural tone.

Both events, though different in substance and intent, remind us how entertainment shows the values of a people. The events were cultural mirrors: one emphasized unity across diverse groups, and the other portrayed a strong social vision of patriotism and tradition. Neither presentation hid nor was neutral in its performance. They both proclaimed something about human identity and joy.

God is Above Culture

God is supreme over all culture: our music, entertainment, and celebrations are under His sovereignty (Psalm 115:3). No cultural event, however emotional or amazing the performance, compares to the worship due Him.

The Apostle Paul exhorts the Corinthians to do all for God's glory. Before we cheer or critique a performance, we remember that Christ is Lord of all.

Whether a halftime show is filled with Latin rhythms or country anthems, our primary posture is gratitude for God's goodness and a prayer for us to have sober discernment over cultural expression. Cultures inevitably shape and are shaped by their art. Regardless of which halftime show you, as an audience, may have preferred, our ultimate loyalty is to Christ's Kingdom.

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Unity and Division (Seen and Unseen)

The two halftime shows this year demonstrate something important about human community: *we are drawn toward different narratives.*

These differences remind us that in the world, there will always be division and unity. As believers, we are called to love our neighbors (Mark 12:31) even when we do not share the same rhythms and preferences.

Paul's words in Romans 14 resonate deeply here. *"Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not to quarrel over opinions."* Our unity in Christ transcends preferences in song or style. Where cultural expressions differ, Christ calls us to be gracious conversation, not contempt.

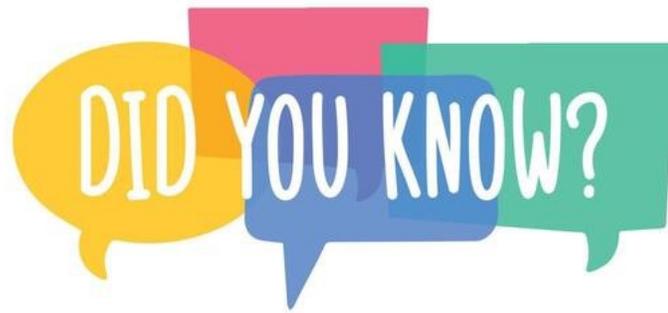
True Worship Beyond the Stage

Ultimately, both halftime shows (official and alternative) are *temporal spectacles*. They will entertain and stir our emotions, but they do not compare to the worship of Jesus, our King. True worship is rooted in *the gospel* and expressed in *lives transformed by grace*. We should never forget that **all Creation is God's, and all culture is under His claim**, and only in Christ are we reconciled to God and restored to fellowship.

So, as we reflect on these two halftime moments, let's not ask the question *"Which show was better?"* but I challenge you to go deeper and ask, *"How do we as Christians bring glory to God in every context?"*

Prayer

Lord, You alone are sovereign over heaven and earth. You are sovereign over every stage, every song and every spectator's heart. Grant us wisdom to engage culture with grace and truth, unity in the body of Christ amid diversity of expression, and may we worship You in Spirit and in truth in everything we do. Amen.



Making significant contributions
in their later years can inspire
boomers to see this new season
as one of opportunity rather than
something to dread

Second order of New Chairs for Sanctuary

The Building and Grounds team has received more donations for armchairs for the sanctuary.

If anyone else would like to help with this purchase, we will be collecting funds before the order is place.

Information about the armchairs:

- **What will the armchair look like:**
Color = same as existing chairs
- **Location in sanctuary:** they will be spaced throughout the sanctuary
- **Cost:** \$ 105 each (includes shipping and handling by ChurchPlaza)
- **How to donate:** A check to The bridge Presbyterian Church with “Arm Chair” in memo line. You can also give online - drop down to “Arm Chair” for the Fund.
- **Will your name be placed on an armchair:** No

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Lewis at [\(407\) 497-8646](tel:4074978646) or Wanda at the church office. (910) 769-4951

Upcoming Happenings

March

3rd - Women of the bridge - 1:00

4th - Session - 3:00

5th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

6th - New Hope Mobile Clinic

26th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

29th - Palm Sunday

ONE SERVICE 10:30

Invite a Friend Sunday

Pot luck after service

February Birthdays

Lynn Hale

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March Birthdays

Sallie Bohn	6
Carol Spradley	6
John Vernon	8
Cathy Boettcher	10
Barbara Hedin	10
Dave Bohn	11
Cindy Rupprecht	14
Lora Rissmiller	15
James Bozeman	23
Carol Nelson	28
Wayne Myers	30
Susan Stanewick	31