

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS



Loving **God** Serving **HisWorld** Changing **Lives**

925 N Sarival Ave. Goodyear AZ 85338

Facebook Instagram and YouTube

Pastor's Pen

**"Ecclesia reformata,
semper reformanda"**

I don't know how many of you remember your High School Latin. The saying above means:

***"The church reformed
and always reforming..."***

This was a key slogan of the original Reformation. It meant that the church in every age and every context must continually be examining itself and its faithfulness to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Some churches have used this phrase to justify all sorts of actions. Some have used it to defend chasing after the culture and letting go of core Christian principles. They forgot the second part of the saying, which is (in English):

***"...according to the Word of God
and the call of the Spirit."***

As the people of God, we are not free to pursue whatever course seems best to us.

We are called to follow Jesus Christ, in accordance with the truth of God's Word heeding the call of the Holy Spirit whom Christ has given us.

This is exactly what we are doing as we engage with the new Vision of CPC. Remember the vision from Sunday?

***In joyful gratitude to God,
we are reaching out
with the love of Jesus
to create a community
where everyone belongs.
By the power of the Spirit***

***we are building lifelong disciples,
equipping faithful servants and
growing healthy families,
to impact the world.***

This statement describes the church we believe Jesus is calling us to become over the next few years.

This statement found its birth in the All-Church Congregational Gathering last fall. It was refined and clarified through the work of our elders and pastors. It flowed from the words of scripture that reveal God's desire for his people. And in the final writing, it felt as if our process was clearly guided by the Holy Spirit.

This new vision is not a break with the past. On the contrary, it is building on it and would be impossible without it. The faithfulness of the past has laid the foundation for our present and our future.

Hopefully the words of our Vision are both inspirational and challenging. They certainly are for me!

These words give voice to our aspirations as a church. They describe who we want to become in order to live fully for the glorify of God.

Don't miss the next few weeks as Pastor Mike and I unpack the exciting implications of the Vision for our life together.

I see it every week - God is doing a great work among us. Lives are being changed by the power of the Holy Spirit among us.

In joyful gratitude,
Pastor Jerry

A Letter From Session

Dear Church Family,

Throughout the month of November, your Session is excited to share with you CPC's prayerfully discerned new vision statement:

"In joyful gratitude to God, we are reaching out with the love of Jesus to create a community where everyone belongs. By the power of the Spirit, we are building lifelong disciples, equipping faithful servants, and growing healthy families to impact the world."

This vision expresses who God is calling us to become—what our community of faith will look like as we live out our mission in submission to God. It reminds us that all faithful service begins in gratitude the unending grace and steadfast faithfulness God has shown to CPC throughout the years. God calls us and empowers us to reach out to new visitors and our church members. He calls out to us to reach out in love and acceptance every day in our homes, neighborhood, and work environments. He wants us to welcome all into genuine community. He wants us to live as disciples who reflect Christ in every part of our lives.

As we embrace this new vision, we have much reason for hope. Our congregation is richly blessed with gifts of faith, compassion, financial giving, and service.

We are especially encouraged by the inter-generational relationships that give our church family such depth and vitality.

Our spiritual growth flourishes when wisdom and experience are shared across generations: when children see faith modeled by adults, and when older members are renewed by the enthusiastic faith of our youth. Together we are the body of Christ, learning, serving, and growing side by side.

It's appropriate that our meditation on CPC's vision falls during November, our stewardship season. We are called to consider where God is leading us. We're invited to plan how each of us might offer our time, talents and treasures to help bring this vision to life.

CPC will flourish as we faithfully steward the unique gifts God has entrusted to each of us. May God's Spirit continue to inspire, guide, and empower us as we live out this vision together, for His glory and the blessing of the world.

With love and hope,
Chelsea McGuire and Barb Faler

CPC's Vision

*In joyful gratitude to God,
we are reaching out
with the love of Jesus
to create a community
where everyone belongs.*

*By the power of the Spirit, we are
building lifelong disciples,
equipping faithful servants and
growing healthy families,
to impact the world.*

A Note From Stewardship

It's Stewardship Season!

Happy November, CPC Family!

As is our tradition, the month of November marks Stewardship Season here at Christ Presbyterian Church. This year, it is especially meaningful that our focus on stewardship coincides with the rollout of CPC's new vision statement. As we prayerfully consider what we hope our church will look like in the years to come, we are also invited to reflect on how God is calling each of us to use our time, talents, and treasures to help make that vision a reality.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." This verse captures both the spirit of Stewardship Season and of our new vision. Giving is not merely an obligation, but rather, an act of joyful gratitude to the God who has so richly blessed us.

During the first few weeks of November, Pastor Jerry and Pastor Mike will be sharing more about CPC's new vision and how our ministry budget is being shaped to align with where God is calling us to focus and grow. On November 16, pledge cards will be available for members to fill out, indicating their planned giving for 2026. We will collect completed cards on November 23 as an expression of our shared commitment to God's work through CPC.

We are deeply grateful for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Thank you for prayerfully considering how God is calling you to give joyfully and generously as we move forward into 2026 and beyond.

May God multiply our gifts for the good of His world and to the glory of His name.

Missions



- Return Boxes by November 9th.
- Pack online for \$30.00. Visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

These boxes go to undisclosed locations.

- Track your box, pay the \$10 shipping fee online. Or you can make your check out to CPC with "OCC" in the memo line. Place checks in the offering baskets (not inside the box)
- Goal: 200 shoe boxes.

All Faith Community Services

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Program

Volunteer opportunities at the maintenance building at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear)

Packing Sessions:

- Wednesday November 19th from 10am to noon
- Thursday November 20th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Distribution:

• Saturday November 22nd volunteers are needed from 7am to 10:30am.

Questions? Contact Pam Bakker pambakker@gmail.com or 602-689-1122

ARC Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive News
The next Red Cross Blood Drive that CPC will host is on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

Why does CPC host Red Cross Blood Drives?

We host Red Cross Blood Drives to provide a place in the West Valley for people to donate. We typically host drives on a Saturday so working people have an opportunity to donate.

Why donate blood?

Science has not yet been able to replicate human blood. Blood and blood products are vital for survival. Every three seconds someone needs a blood transfusion. The only way they can receive a transfusion is from blood donors.

Why volunteer to help with blood drives even if you can't donate?

"Many hands make light work." There are things that happen behind the scenes before, during, and after a blood drive. No one person can do it alone. Volunteer positions include: recruiting donors; clearing the auditorium before the drive; greeting & registering donors; monitoring the canteen & thanking donors; clean up & reset the auditorium after the drive for Sunday worship.

Who do I contact to volunteer to help?

Marje Shirey is our current "Blood Program Leader". Her contact information is: 309-712-6482 or mrs.shirey62@gmail.com. She is always looking for people who would like to serve on a Blood Drive Team.

Men of IAM

On Saturday, November 8th we will meet at 8 AM in the Auditorium for fellowship, breakfast, and Bible Study. Roy Poole will be our Chef and will lead our Bible Study! Our lesson is "Wiser by Faith" using the Study Guide Growing Older and Wiser. The lesson is based on Genesis 24:1-9.

Women of the Word

Wow will be meeting Saturday November 8, 2025 at 10 AM in the Auditorium. Join us for bible study, coffee and fellowship.

Adult Formation

Pastor Mike leads a Bible Study for Adults each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 in the Education Wing. Our current focus is the book of Genesis. All our welcome to attend. Study notes are available for each lesson. Please contact Pastor Mike (309-712-6481) or the church office for more information.

Prayer

Prayer is one of, if not the, most important thing that we do as Jesus-followers. Send your prayer request or request to receive prayer chain emails to prayers@cpcgoodyear.org

Arctic Kids Ministry

November Rotation – Jonah: Thankful and Obedient

This month, our Arctic Kids will dive deep (literally!) into the story of Jonah. Through games, crafts, science, and Bible lessons, kids will discover that we can't run from God—and that He's always ready to forgive and give us a second chance. We'll also talk about what it means to have a thankful heart for God's love and mercy.

Yearly Memory Verse:

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." —Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

November Focus Verse:

"I will say: Salvation comes from the Lord." —Jonah 2:9 (NIV, shortened for kids)

Family Worship – November 2

Don't forget—this Sunday, November 2, is Family Worship Sunday! All students Kindergarten through 12th grade will join their parents in the main service for worship. (Nursery and preschool classes will still meet as usual.)

Let's make November a month of gratitude, joy, and community as we learn from Jonah's story and celebrate all the ways God blesses us!

In His Shadow,
Shauna Farrish

Christ Presbyterian Church Goodyear
925 N. Sarival Ave. 85338

FALL INTO COMMUNITY

A Free Family Event

Sunday, November 9
2PM - 4:30PM



🍁 Join us for an evening packed with FREE fun for everyone! 🍁

☀️ Free Activities Include:

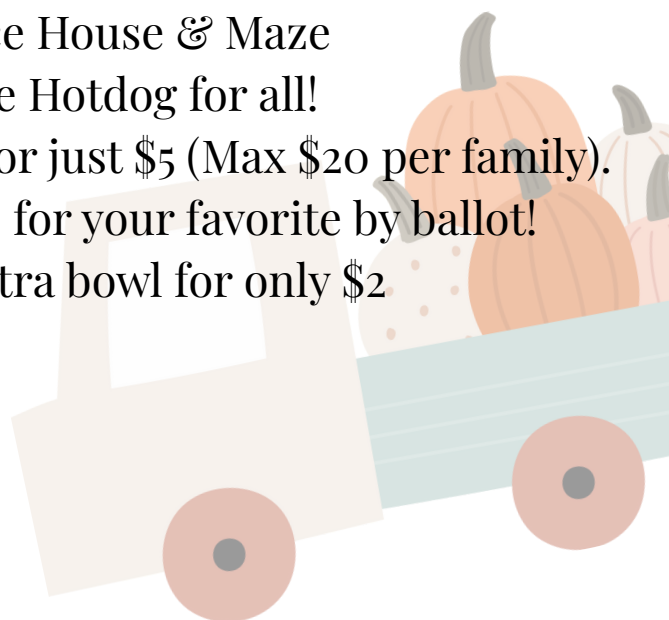
🎯 Games with prizes 🎡 Bounce House & Maze

📸 Family Selfie Station 🌭 Free Hotdog for all!

Want a full meal? Add chili, chips & a drink for just \$5 (Max \$20 per family).

🔥 Chili Cook-Off! Try them all, then vote for your favorite by ballot!

❤️ Love one the most? Grab an extra bowl for only \$2



Don't miss this afternoon of
food, fun, and fellowship —
bring your friends and family!

CPC Financial Overview

September 2025

Summary Sep-25	2025 YTD
Income \$51,943.63.	\$537,717.09
Expenses -\$56,817.00	-\$522,948.97
NET -\$4,873.37	\$14,768.12

Save the Date November

Sunday 11.2	CPC 101 Connect	Noon
Saturday 11.8	Men & Women's Bible Study	
Saturday 11.8	Jackie Wain Cel. of Life	1PM
Sunday 11.9	Fall Festival	2PM - 4:30PM
Sunday 11.16	CPC 201 Grow	Noon
Wed. & Thurs. 11.26-27	Church Office	Closed

Family Worship Sunday!

Sunday Nov. 2

Traditional & Contemporary Services
2nd- 5th Graders — Join your families in worship!

6 Weeks — Pre-K Grade: Drop off in the Education Wing before service starts.



CHILI COOK-OFF

Fall Family Event; Fall into Community
Sunday, November 9

Bring your best chili, and join in serving our community and just maybe get 1st place in the contest of who makes the best chili!

There is still time to sign up, text Shawna today, 209-986-6486



CPC 101 Connect
Exploring Membership

THIS SUNDAY NOV. 2 NOON

12PM in Education Bldg. Rm 202

CPC 201 Grow

Tools for Growing in Christ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12PM in Education Bldg. Rm 202

Lunch Provided sign up today by emailing Shawna@cpcgoodyear.org

Men's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study

Saturday, November 8

Men at 8AM
Women at 10AM



Office Closed

Wednesday 11.26 -

Friday 11.28. 2025

Happy Thanksgiving!



Christ Presbyterian Church Goodyear

Our Vision

In joyful gratitude to God, we are reaching out with the love of Jesus to create a community where everyone belongs. By the power of the Spirit, we are building lifelong disciples, equipping faithful servants and growing healthy families to impact the world.

Our Mission

Loving God, Serving His World, Changing Lives

Staff

Senior Pastor: Jerry Cooper
jerry@cpcgoodyear.org

Assistant Pastor: Mike Shirey
pastormike@cpcgoodyear.org

Traditional Worship Leader: Shanna Steinback
choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org

Contemporary Worship Leader:
Open

Pianist: Vitaly Serebriakov
vserebriakoff@gmail.com

Media Director: Austyn Damon
austyn@cpcgoodyear.org

Assistant Media Director: Kathryn Denny
katymdenny@gamil.com

Administrator & Children's Ministry Director: Shawna Farrish
shawna@cpcgoodyear.org

Youth Ministry Director: Dr. Jayson Black
youth_director@cpcgoodyear.org

Bookkeeper & IT Director: John Merrill
johnm@cpcgoodyear.org