

WELCOME TO

CUMBERLAND PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH

*A people dedicated
to God*

*A family devoted
to one another*

*A church committed
to reaching the world*

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OUR BACKGROUND

We are followers of Jesus Christ who desire to share God's Good News with the San Francisco and northern San Mateo County communities. We felt that God was calling us to establish a church on the Peninsula because of the need for churches in San Mateo County that minister to English-speaking Asians.



In October 2000, we left our home church, Cumberland Presbyterian Chinese Church in San Francisco, to embark on this new journey. We visited several newer churches in the Bay Area to learn from their church plant experiences.

From November to March 2001, we met in our homes for worship, study, prayer, and planning. In April 2001, we moved into our first church facility, an office building in San Bruno. In March 2003, we met at First Baptist Church of South San Francisco. In November 2005, we relocated to New Vision United Methodist Church in Millbrae.



Katie, Ken, Mitchell, Sara, Lisa,
and Pastor Bruce

Cumberland Peninsula Community Church is led by Rev. Bruce Wong. He has been in pastoral ministry since 1992. He and his wife, Lisa, have two adult daughters, Katie and Sara, a son-in-law, Ken, and a grandson, Mitchell.

OUR MINISTRIES

ON SUNDAYS

We have adult programs on most Sunday mornings, from 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

- First Sunday of each odd-numbered month - Communication Meeting
- Second Sunday of each month - Prayer Meeting
- Third and Fourth Sundays of each month - Sunday School survey on the books of the Bible

We have childcare available for each of these meetings, and serve complimentary light refreshments for the adults afterwards.

Our worship service begins at 11:30 A.M. Following our singspiration time, children under 12 are excused to attend the children's and nursery programs.

After every worship service, we have a fellowship lunch (complimentary for all first-time guests), where we can get to know each other better in a more informal setting.

We currently have these midweek groups:

- Two study and fellowship groups particularly for moms (childcare provided)
- Houses of Prayer ("HOP" - monthly area prayer fellowships)
- Friday night Bible study (twice a month)

We also have individual and small-group discipleship studies at various times.

If you would like to participate in one of these groups or establish a new ministry, please contact Pastor Bruce.

OUR MISSION

TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR WORSHIP AND IN OUR LIVES,

TO BUILD A FAMILY OF LOVING BELIEVERS,

*AND TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH
THE WORLD AROUND US.*

**TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR WORSHIP AND IN OUR LIVES
BY BEING TRANSFORMED**

THROUGH THE WORSHIP OF GOD

In worship, the corporate Body of Christ comes into the presence of God. We are awed by His majesty, since He is our Creator, King, and Sovereign Lord. We are also humbled because He sent His Son to die for our sins. We respond by giving God our best through our praise, our commitment, our service, and our gifts.

THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD

God gave us the Bible, His living and timeless Word, to guide, instruct, comfort, and correct us. He reveals His plan for our lives through His Word. The Bible is also the foundation for the growth and development of this church. We seek to study and apply the principles of the Bible to build the character of Christ in our lives.

OUR MISSION (continued)

THROUGH THE WORK OF GOD

By forgiving our sins, God has set us free from the scars and limitations of our past. He has also given us a new life in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the seal of our salvation, our Counselor, and our Comforter to empower us to live a new life in Christ. It is only as we trust Him that we can be changed.

TO BUILD A FAMILY OF LOVING BELIEVERS

BY CELEBRATING OUR KINSHIP IN CHRIST

Jesus died for our sins so that we can become God's children. The Bible tells us "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12) and that we were "adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:5). He has allowed us to have a special relationship with Him that we could not attain through our own efforts. Such a loving Heavenly Father deserves our praise and dedication.



OUR MISSION (continued)

BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Since we are God's children, we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Our eternal relationship with each other is based on the shed blood of Christ, which transcends our differences in background, perspectives, strengths, and experiences. We seek to establish a community that reflects Godly values, love, and unity. We hope that everyone would feel welcomed and accepted here.

BY WORKING TOGETHER

Our unity is more than a slogan; it is a way of life. We have a responsibility to do God's work together, to help bear each other's burdens and to complement each other's strengths and weaknesses. We do this by helping, praying, sharing, and serving together. We continually strive to improve our communication, coordination, and cooperation with each other. We want to mature as believers, and to help others grow in their faith. We do this through such efforts as encouragement, instruction, guidance, and accountability.



OUR MISSION (continued)

TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE WORLD AROUND US

BY REACHING PEOPLE IN OUR OWN CIRCLES

We believe that God has called us to share His Good News in our local community. We are to actively care for those who are around us. We will seek to reach out to our neighbors and partner with local outreach agencies and schools.

God also wants us to be concerned about those in our own circles, such as our friends, relatives, co-workers, and acquaintances. We acknowledge our individual responsibility to share Jesus' love with them. We do this by caring for others, through our actions and our own life examples.

BY REACHING OUT THROUGH THE WORK OF OTHERS

We are also part of the larger Body of Christ. God has established other churches and ministries, both locally and abroad to fulfill His purposes. Because we are co-laborers, we recognize the need to support one another. God blessed us with many people who supported us through prayer and other donations to help us get started. We will continue this outpouring of love by supporting other servants of the Lord in the same ways.

OUR VALUES

These are some of the values that we hold, expressed in the context of our church's mission statement.

TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR WORSHIP AND IN OUR LIVES

Worship - We praise God for His many perfect qualities, including goodness, power, and love. Our worship is not limited to Sunday mornings, but our goal is to praise Him with all that we do, every day of our lives. As God is perfect and that He sent His precious Son to die for our sins, we will strive to do our best in everything that we do.

Prayer - Prayer is not only important, it is essential to the life and health of our church. Our church is built on prayer; we have prayer meetings, prayer chains, and prayer during our worship services. We also recognize our individual responsibility to lift up our praises and requests to God.

Bible - As God's inerrant Word to us, this is the source and final authority of our faith and how we live our lives. We seek to study, memorize, and apply His teachings.

Christ-likeness - God made man in His image, but sin distorted His creation. As Christians, God is working to restore His image in us. We want to become like Jesus.

OUR VALUES (continued)

Spirit-empowered - We acknowledge that we lack the strength and means to overcome our weaknesses and shortfalls. It is only when we ask for and depend upon the Holy Spirit to help us that we can be changed.

Service - God saved us to serve Him. We are responsible to be actively involved in the church's ministries and God's Kingdom work. God also shaped us to serve Him. We seek to serve Him according to the way He made us.



Faith - In Isaiah 55:8, we read, "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD." God will often lead us to do what appears to be illogical or even improbable in order to stretch our faith and to show us His strength, wisdom, and provision.

Sacrifice - We strive to graciously and gratefully share our time, talents, and treasures to support the Lord's work.

OUR VALUES (continued)

TO BUILD A FAMILY OF LOVING BELIEVERS

Relationships - Jesus referred to His followers as brothers and sisters. A church, then, should not be a meeting of strangers, but a gathering of loving family members. Everyone (believers and non-believers alike) should feel welcome to come to our church. We desire to become a community that lives out God's plan for a loving and vital family.

Support - God designed us to work together. Therefore, we seek to share our needs, blessings, abilities, and experiences with each other.



Unity - The Bible tells us to "be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Our church will grow best if everyone moves in the same direction. Consensus ("unity, even without unanimity") is important. We will discourage factions, rumors, and gossip.

Discipleship - We never really "arrive" as Christians. It is important to help and encourage our brothers and sisters to grow in their walk with Jesus. There is always more to learn, more to do, and more to change. We seek to continually study the Scriptures, listen to the Lord, and learn from one

OUR VALUES (continued)

another.

Communication - A church is an environment where the truth is spoken in love. We want to be able to openly and appropriately discuss all topics. We hold regular meetings where church members can raise questions and seek clarification from the church's leadership.

Accountability - We are responsible to help each other grow in our walk with Christ. We care about each other's relationship with Christ and seek out ways to lovingly guide and correct those who have forgotten or otherwise stumbled along the way. Since none of us are perfect, we find value in acknowledging our mistakes, seeking forgiveness, and granting forgiveness to others.



OUR VALUES (continued)

TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE WORLD AROUND US

Evangelism - we believe that God calls each of us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. Evangelism is everyone's responsibility. We will pray for and support each other's efforts to fulfill the Great Commission.

Missions - we cannot do God's work by ourselves; we will support others in the Gospel ministry. We will come alongside them through prayer, participation, and financial support. Each year, we will set aside a percentage of our offerings to help others as they serve the Lord.

Compassion - there are many people in our community and in our relational circles that have struggles. We seek to find constructive and novel ways to share God's love with them while we help them with their immediate needs.

Impact - we desire that our church be known for far more than its worship services, small groups, and good times. We pray that God uses us to bring others into His Kingdom through Jesus Christ, and that people's lives are touched and changed through the power of the Gospel.

OUR BELIEFS

We believe...

the message of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life):

- That God loves us
- That God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins
- That by believing in Jesus, we are assured of eternal life

We also believe that...

- The Bible is God's authoritative Word to us
- We are to give Jesus first place in every area of our lives
- The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and means to live godly lives
- Believers are called to actively support the unity and ministry of the local church



OUR DENOMINATION

The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination took its name from its birthplace in Cumberland Country, a mountain region of Kentucky and Tennessee. The name "Presbyterian" represents the type of doctrine and church government that we have. Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine affirms both the sovereignty of God over all of His creation (also known as "Calvinism") and each person's individual responsibility to respond to His offer of salvation (also known as "Arminianism"). Presbyterian churches are governed by the pastor and ruling elders (also known as a "Session").

The Cumberland Presbyterian church began in 1810 as a vision of three ministers to find new ways to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the settlers who moved westward from the East Coast. Since then, it has grown into a denomination of over 750 churches throughout the world. Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries serve in 12 countries, and the individual churches support many others throughout the world. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church continues to grow, particularly through starting new churches and welcoming independent congregations that wish to affiliate with us. The denomination's offices are in Memphis, TN.

Further information about our denomination's beliefs and constitution are found in the Confession of Faith. Copies are available from the church office. You may also visit our denomination's website at www.cumberland.org.

