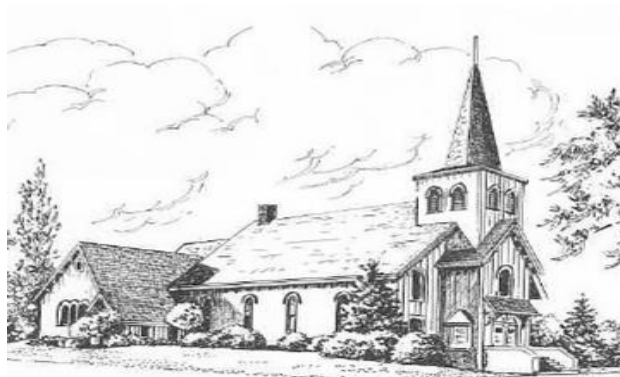


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Thursday, November 16, 2023

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning November 19th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

Pastor Tim Gerarden

“Talent Show”

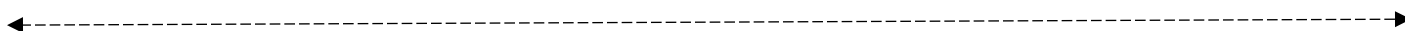
[Community Presbyterian Church - Home \(cpcplainview.com\)](http://cpcplainview.com)

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m. in church basement

Host: Sharon Firzlaff



SIGN UPDATE

We successfully installed the antennae to the sanctuary laptop computer. The antennae and computer are functioning properly now. However, we still cannot connect the Bluetooth to the sign. We need to take the sign apart, send in the sign antennae for diagnostics. Tim Pries and Mark Rich are working together to figure out how to take the sign apart. Tim is determined to figure out how to remove the transmitter from the sign so it can be sent in for diagnostics.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

The Christian Education Committee is asking the congregation for dessert donations for Wednesday night youth programs this year. There is a sign-up in the office. Plan for 10-12 people each week.

COMMUNITY CLOTHESLINE UPDATE:

The Community Clothesline is now closed for the season. **We are currently full, and are not accepting donations at this time.**

ALANON MEETINGS

Alanon Meetings take place weekly on Tuesdays at Plainview Church of Christ from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enter the south door on 2nd Avenue. Alanon is for friends and family members of alcoholics and addiction.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like your prayer request printed in the newsletter and bulletin, please provide a written request and give it to Mark in the office (cpcoffice@hbc.com). I do not always hear the prayer requests in church or cannot write them down quickly enough for complete information. I want to have complete and accurate information for the prayer request. Thank you.

NOVEMBER SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Community Presbyterian Church has committed to helping the Salvation Army with Bell Ringing this Christmas season. Community Presbyterian Church's assignment is to ring bells at the JC Penney North Entrance on **NOVEMBER 25** from 2-5. We will ring bells in three one hour shifts. Please let Mark or Bonnie Bosma know if these times will work out for you to help ring in this Christmas Season!

CHRISTMAS & ADVENT

Advent and Christmas will be here before we know it. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3, 2023. Please plan on helping to decorate the church after the worship service on November 26th. We will plan on having a potluck lunch as well so bring whatever you want to share and we will try to get a lot done. Christmas music will be playing to keep us entertained as we work and eat.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

It is time to think about how you can serve the church. The nominating committee may be contacting you in the next few weeks about serving on either the Session or the Deacons. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve the church.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for all 5-12 youth for the remainder of 2023:

Wednesday November 15, 2023

Wednesday November 29

Wednesday December 6

Sunday December 10 – All help with worship service

Wednesday December 13- Christmas Party

Wednesday January 10, 2024 – Youth group resumes

UPDATE FROM SESSION:

At the September 20th session meeting, the session committed to re-booting a few committees to help with all the changes we know we need to make.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Session Leaders: Joan Lee and Betsy Dewey

OUTREACH (LOCAL)

Session Leaders: Tim Pries & Shawn Jensen

STEWARDSHIP

The Session as a body

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Session Leaders: Alan Dewey

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tim Pries & Tom Ellringer

MISSION

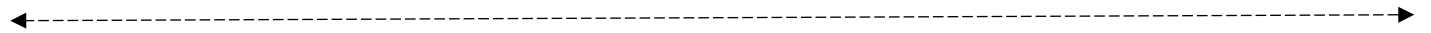
Session Leaders: Bonnie Bosma & Janet Rouillard

As the session continues to meet and to plan for change, we hope you will prayerfully consider joining one of these groups. They will be important in supporting the coming changes!!



PRAYER LIST

- For the people of Iran and for this movement to bring change.
- For this time of transition.
- For the people of Maui.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for Turkey and Syria as they continue to rebuild after the devastating earthquake.
- John Zabel, thanksgiving that he can return home soon, and prayers for a smooth transition.
- Wendy's son, Brady, needs prayers for a new beginning.
- The family of Bradley Kreofsky during this difficult time.
- Kent and Bea Harrington- the recent loss of their six year old granddaughter.
- Prayers for the country of Israel, in their battle against the Hamas.
- Prayers for Barb Ellringer, with health concerns.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

We will continue to have rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome!



Anthem Schedule

November 19 "A Canon of Thanks"

December 24 "When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight" & "All on a Silent Night"

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tina Fenton- Nov. 3

Angie Jack- Nov. 9

Zac Zabel- Nov. 12

Jeremy Jensen- Nov. 27

Nancy Hollister- Nov. 28

Ellery Flanagan- Nov. 30

Alan Dewey- Nov. 7

Bruce & Sue Ihrke- Nov. 10

Diane Ellringer- Nov. 15

John Zabel- Nov. 27

Harmonie Hollister- Nov. 28

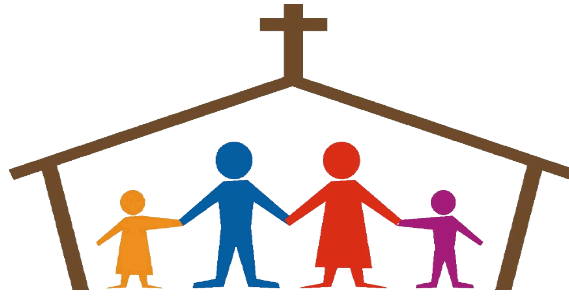
Jill Johnson- Nov. 30

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Volunteers needed to serve in December and January!

Is there a Sunday you would be interested in helping serve during worship?
We need greeters, coffee fellowship, and liturgist. Email cpcoffice@hbc.com.



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void, give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #336 "We Gather Together"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

As children of God,

We come to God in our joys,

In our sorrows,

In our fears and in our guilt.

Knowing that God loves us and embraces us,

Let us bring our confessions to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us to grow what we are given, that is might be returned in service to you. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Tim Gerarden

God has destined us not for wrath,

But for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us so that we may live with him.

Praise be to Christ! Alleluia! Amen!

GLORY TO GOD #577 "Gloria Patri" "Glory Be to the Father" in the Old Blue Presbyterian Hymnal

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Tim Gerarden

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Tim Gerarden

Matthew 25: 14-30

SERMON

"Talent Show"

Pastor Tim Gerarden

Responding

HYMN #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (Verses 1, 3, & 4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's 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.

CALL TO PRAYER

#687 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Tim Gerarden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

Pastor Tim Gerarden

November Mission of the Month: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

DOXOLOGY: #593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" from the Old Blue Presbyterian Hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Tim Gerarden

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (Verses 1, 2, & 3)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tim Gerarden

BENEDICTION SONG #647 "Give Thanks" (as written)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETER: Julie Flanagan