**Community Presbyterian Church**

Plainview, Minnesota

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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**Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Epiphany and the Annual Meeting of CPC

10:00a.m. Worship in the sanctuary; Worship is also available live on YouTube. You can find the service by clicking on the link to our YouTube channel on the front page of the church’s website: [www.cpcplainview.com](http://www.cpcplainview.com).

This worship service will also be recorded and posted on YouTube to be watched any time.

**Gathering**

PRELUDE 10:00 a.m. Joan Lee

WORDS OF WELCOME Tim Gerarden

Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum – Tim Gerarden

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, January 29, 2023 (Found on pages 9-10).

Celebrating Leadership Transition:

Ruling Elders – Class of 2023 – Bonnie Bosma, Joan Lee, and Tim Pries.

Board of Deacons – Class of 2023 – Molli Funk and Jennifer Torres.

Necrology:

Deaths: LaVonne Domke, Jean Bodurtha, Bradley Kreofsky, and Orville Timm.

Session:

Treasurer: Julie Flanagan

Financial Secretary: Mark Rich

Clerk of Session: Joan Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP – Diane Ellringer

The boy Samuel heard God’s voice in the night.

**We come listening for God’s voice.**

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

**We come listening for God’s voice.**

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

**We come listening for God’s voice.**

We come to this place to listen and follow.

**Let us worship God!**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

Oral report by Tim Pries.

OPENING HYMN #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION – Diane Ellringer

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,

**The maker of heaven and earth,**

Whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

**Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Tim Gerarden

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.

**They will run and not be weary,**

They will walk and not grow faint.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father”

*Motion to elect the following:*

Ruling Elders (to serve on the Session): Class of 2026, Janice Jurgenson. Returning are Tim Pries, Bonnie Bosma, and Joan Lee.

Board of Deacons: Class of 2026, Sharon Firzlaff and Stephanie Kreofsky.

Installation of new Session and Deacons members.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024.

Pastor Nominating Committee for 2023 included:

Betsy Dewey, Zac Zabel, Tim Pries, Shawn Jensen, Katie Flanagan, and Lindsay Hammer-Bartley.

**The Word**

Prayer for Illumination – Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

**God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Diane Ellringer

I Samuel 3: 1-20

THE PSALM – Diane Ellringer

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Tim Gerarden

John 1: 43-51

SERMON “Your Call is Important to Us” - Tim Gerarden

**Responding**

HYMN #634 “To God be the Glory”

CALL TO PRAYER: HYMN #701 “Lord, Prepare Me”

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Tim Gerarden

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

Income and Expense Summary Report – pages 17-18.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Pastor Tim Gerarden

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Tim Gerarden

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift us your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise…**

…Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God…Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD Pastor Tim Gerarden

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Pastor Tim Gerarden

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

January Mission of the Month: PEM Foodshelf

DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION – Pastor Tim Gerarden

DEPARTING HYMN #69 “I the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Verses 1 & 2)

BENEDICTION - Pastor Tim Gerarden

BENEDICTION SONG -#726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

(Verses 1 & 5)

POSTLUDE Joan Lee, Organ

Minutes from the Annual Meeting

Community Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2023

The annual meeting was held during the regular church service. Meeting was called to order and declaration of a quorum at 10 AM by Moderator, Rev Tim Gerarden. MSC.

Approval of the clerk’s report and minutes from the January 23, 2022, MSC.

Officers of the session will be Treasurer – Julie Flanagan, Financial Secretary – Mark Rich, Clerk of Session – Bonnie Bosma.

A thank you to those who have fulfilled their terms of Session – Diane Ellringer and Ryan Flanagan. And Board of Deacons – Lacey Baker, Wendy Rollie and Cathy DeMartini.

Motion to elect for Session members – Class of 2025, Alan Dewey and Shawn Jensen. MSC.

Board of Deacons Class of 2025 – Jason Laske, Diane Ellringer. Class of 2024 is Cathy DeMartini. MSC.

Motion to dismiss the 2022 Nominating Committee of Lindsay Hammer Bartley and Diane Ellringer with gratitude. MSC

Motion to elect the 2023 Nominating Committee – Wendy Rollie, Janice Jurgenson, and Joan Lee. MSC

Request for people interested in serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee – Betsy Dewey, Zac Zabel, Tim Pries, Shawn Jensen, Katie Flanagan and Lindsay Hammer Bartley.

The Pastor’s report was reviewed along with the clerk’s report, Worship Committee report, Christian Ed Report, and Staff report. MSC to approve these.

Motion to approve the financial reports and Mission giving. MSC

Installation and ordination of the new Session and Deacon members was held with the laying on of hands.

The Annual Meeting of 2023 was adjourned at 10:58 with prayer. MSC

Respectfully Submitted by

Clerk of Session, Moderator,

Bonnie Bosma Rev. Tim Gerarden

**Worship Committee Report 2023**

The worship committee wants to enthusiastically thank all church members who have come forward to help with all worship duties.

The following members provided the “message” (sermon) on Sundays when we did not have a pastor: Julie Walch, Bruce Firzlaff, Bonnie Bosma, Janice Jurgenson, Mark Rich, Alan Dewey, Tim Pries, and Betsy Dewey. The church gives out a special thanks to these volunteers who were willing to come forward, in front of the congregation, to share their message.

We have been especially blessed to have two very special pastors who have preached for us—Amy Kosari and Tim Gerarden. The church could not have functioned on Sundays without them.

Under the skillful leadership of Mark Rich, our Choir was able to sing about once a month. Thanks also to Janice Jurgenson for accompanying the choir, so Mark could sing in the choir.

Thanks to Tim and Diana Pries, the Bartley Family, Bonnie Bosma and family, and the Jones family for lighting the Advent candles in 2023.

Our search for a new pastor continues. We all pray we can be successful in this search for 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Dewey and Joan Lee

**Christian Education Committee**

**2023 Report**

The past year was a busy one for the relaunched Christian Education Committee. There was a compressed confirmation cycle from January until May. Along with weekly lessons which prepared them to join the church, the youth also had a snow tubing trip to Steeplechase in February and also helped pack backpacks in March for the PEM backpack program On May 21, 10 youth in grades 7-10 were confirmed and officially joined the church. Several youths from our congregation attended the Plainview Area Youth Night in February hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran Church. This summer saw 3 youth attend summer camp at Clearwater Forest where the theme was “What’s in a Name?” An adult Bible study on Grace and Gratitude was offered in August and September with 6 attendees. This fall youth group was resumed in October and offered to all youth in grades 5-12. So far 12 different youth have attended with an average weekly attendance of 10. The youth were busy with service projects in November and December such as making bags for homeless people and wrapping presents for the church sponsored Christmas Anonymous family.

Thank you to all of you who helped with the Wednesday night youth program by being the second adult and supplying meals and desserts. These programs would not be possible without the support of the congregation.

**Plainview Community Presbyterian Church**

**STAFF**

(as of 1-14-2024)

**Pastor**:

**Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary:** Mark Rich

**Director of Music**: Mark Rich

**Custodian**: Tom Ellringer

**Groundskeeper**: Adam Klavetter

**SESSION**

**Class of 2024:** Betsy Dewey and Janet Rouillard

**Class of 2025**: Alan Dewey and Shawn Jensen

**Class of 2026:** Janice Jurgenson, Bonnie Bosma, Joan Lee, Tim Pries

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2024**: Donna Christison and Cathy DeMartini

**Class of 2025**: Diane Ellringer and Jason Laske

**Class of 2026:** Sharon Firzlaff and Stephanie Kreofsky

**Board of Deacons Report – 2023**

The members of the Board of Deacons for 2023 are: Donna Christison, Cathy DeMartini, Diane Ellringer, Molli Funk, Jason Laske, and Jennifer Torres.

The Deacons reflect the heart of Jesus, leading the congregation in compassion and pastoral care. Deacons minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in need.

The Deacons met monthly and pray for the members of the congregation and anyone that needs prayers. They also prepare the bread and juice for communion each month, and recruit members to fill the support positions for worship (greeters, liturgists, coffee fellowship, and communion servers). The Deacons send birthday and anniversary cards to members of the church throughout the year. Deacon Diane Ellringer volunteered to be the contact person to coordinate funeral lunches and see that flowers are ordered. In 2023 she organized two funeral lunches (Bradley Kreofsky and Jean Bodurtha). Late in 2023, the deacons decided to start a new ministry that we call “Blessing Baskets”. We selected five members of the congregation that we felt needed special care at the time. We created “baskets” for them and visited them just to let them know their church was thinking of them. We hope to continue this part of our ministry in 2024.

A special “Thank You” goes to Jennifer Torres and Mollie Funk as they are completing their years of service as Deacons. We will miss your many gifts.

Submitted by: Donna Christison

Thank you for serving in leadership at Community Presbyterian Church and in glory to God.

**Mission Giving Report 2023**

February: PEM Food-shelf 611.00

March: Mercy Ships 295.00

April : CPC Infrastructure 518.00

May: Camp Clearwater Forest Scholarships 750.00

June MN Adult and Teen Challenge 378.00

July Feed My Starving Children 401.50

August Childhood Cancer Community 982.00

September Backpack for Kids Program 227.00

October Ronald McDonald House 315.00

November The Salvation Army 280.00

December The Heifer Program 349.00

**Total Mission Giving 2023 $5,106.50**

**Total Mission Giving 2022 $3,477.37**

**Total Mission Giving 2021 $4,784.00**

**Total Mission Giving 2020 $4,321.00**

**Total Mission Giving 2019 $7,008.16**

**Total Mission Giving 2018 $7,520.50**

**Total Mission Giving 2017 $8,169.44**

**Total Mission Giving 2016 $6,188.14**

**Personnel Committee – 2023**

The Personnel Committee did not meet in 2023. Below is the current CPC staff.

Current CPC staff:

Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary: **Mark Rich  
$16/hour; 16 hours per week**

Custodian: **Tom Ellringer**  
**Contracted through Tom’s Lawn & Cleaning Services**

Groundskeeper: **Adam Klavetter**  
**Contracted through Adam’s Lawn Care Service**

Music Director: **Mark Rich**  
**$4,000 per year (part time Aug. 15-May 15)**

The Personnel Committee will conduct annual reviews with staff in the Fall of 2024 and will work with the Session to fill the current open position for Pastor.

**CPC Personnel Committee**

Joan Lee

Howard Gray

Holly Reeve

**INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY**

Anticipated Revenues 2023 Budget 2023 Actual 2024 Budget

Pledges 71,955 95,879.75 77,452

Accountable Offerings 10,000 21,405.01 15,000

Coffee Fellowship 750 469.50 250

Initial Offering 150 2,775.00 150

Loose Offering 1,000 0 1,000

Per Capita Offset 3,500 8,129.50 2,500

Building Usage/Rent 3,500 910.00 2,500

Fundraisers 2,000 0.00 1,500

Transfers from Memorial 0.00 0.00 0.00

Transfers from Memorial (music) 0.00 0.00 0.00

Misc. Income 0.00 0.00 0.00

**Total Income 92,855.00 129,568.76 100,352.00**

Anticipated Expenses 2023 Budget 2023 Actual 2024 Budget

Christian Ed. (Confirmation) 400 104.06 100.00

Presbytery United Giving 0.00 0.00 0.00

Per Capita 4,650 7,929.50 2,500

Mission Team 0.00 0.00 0.00

Evangelism 200 0.00 200

Music/Choir 0.00 32.06 100.00

Worship 250 329.46 250

Pulpit Supply 2,500 7,675.00 10,000

Fellowship and Food 200 182.24 200

Stewardship 150 0.00 100

Deacon 100 0.00 100

Personnel 150 150 150

Administration 4,500 5662.45 5,188.00

Natural Gas 6,000 8021.00 8,000

Electricity 7,000 7,796.00 7,000

Telephone 1,200 1,433.18 1,300

Insurance 10,000 14,499.14 12,000

Garbage Removal 1,000 1,008.96 1,000

Alarm System 500 591.36 600

Elevator Contract 1,300 1,333.85 1,400

Water and Sewer 2,500 2,243.15 2,500

Building and Grounds 2,500 4,443.46 2,500

Music Coordinator 4,017 3,709.80 4,000

Admin Asst./Financial Sec. 13,000 13,441.77 13,500

Custodians 6,500 2,744.28 3,000

Payroll Taxes 1,500 2,672.41 1,500

Workman’s Comp 1,000 0.00 1,000

Pastor Salary

Pension and Medical

Cont. Ed Prof Exp.

Dental Insurance

Loan Repayment 9,900 9,072.25 9,900

**Total Budget Expenses 81,017.00 95,075.38 88,088.00**

**Budget Deficit +11,838 +34,493.38 +12,264.00**

**Church Accounts Summary Report**

**Church Assets\*** 12-31-22 12-31-23

Operating Checking Account 50,989.03 26,248.19

Helping Hands Checking 826.19 965.22

Logos Checking 1,059.66 CLOSED

Clothesline Checking 4,102.07 5,008.69

Youth Checking 2,832.65 2,650.86

Memorial Savings 7,299.47 8,295.54

Money Market Fund 134,450.24 121,440.94

11 Month CD 130,000

**Church Liabilities\*\*** 12-31-22 12-31-23

Real Estate Loan 129,371.41 124,303.37

\*These assets are either checking/savings accounts or a Money Market Fund, and are designated for a specific purpose.

\*\*The liability is the loan from the most recent remodel and addition of the church. In 2015, the Session refinanced the loan with a favorable (and fixed) interest amount.

**Community Clothesline Financial Report 2023**

The Community Clothesline was open on Thursdays from 1-7 p.m. this past summer. It was staffed in two shifts, 1-4 and 4-7 with two people at each shift.

**Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2023) $4,102.07**

**INCOME (sales) $1,803.82**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

PEM Community School $350.00

Christmas Anonymous $437.11

Lindsay Hammer-Bartley $100.00

Julie Flanagan (Christmas) $250.00

**Total disbursements $1,137.11**

**TOTAL REVENUES ON HAND (Dec, 31, 2023) $5008.69**

**Youth Financial Report 2023**

**Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2023) $3,565.00**

**INCOME:**

**Total Income**

**0.00**

**EXPENSES:**

(9/17) Camp Clearwater $750.00

**Total Expenses $750.00**

**Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2023) $2,815.00**

**Helping Hands Financial Report 2023**

**Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2023) $536.47**

**INCOME $139.03**

**EXPENSES $0.00**

**Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2023) $675.50**

**Memorial Fund Report 2023**

**Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2023 $7,299.47**

**RECEIPTS**

Bradley Kreofsky $330.00

Bradley Kreofsky $150.00

Jean Bodurtha $100.00

Orville Timm $221,385.26

**Total Receipts $221,965.26**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Haley Comfort Systems $30,000

Certificate of Deposit $130,000

**Total Disbursements $160,000**

**Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2023 $8,295.54**

Funds held in savings account at Foresight Bank – Plainview, MN

**Statistics Report 2023**

**Membership as of December 31, 2023 123**

**Gains to Active Rolls** 0

**Losses from Active Rolls**  1

Deaths 4

Transfer of Membership: 3

**Total Membership as of December 31, 2023 116**

**Baptisms 0**

**Marriages of Members 0**

**Marriages of Friends 0**

**Deaths 4**

Orville Timm

Bradley Kreofsky

Jean Bodurtha

LaVonne Domke

**Confirmed 0**

***This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:***

**Sunday, January 14**  Worship at 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.*

*Congregational Meeting*

*Soup Lunch*

*Undecorate the Sanctuary*

**Monday, January 15** Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Tuesday, January 16**  Office Hours 10:00-2:00

*Release time 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

*Deacon’s Meeting at church, 7:15 p.m.*

**Wednesday, January 17** Office Hours 10:00-2:00

*Release time 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

*Confirmation 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

*Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday, January 18** Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Friday, January 19**  Office Closed

**Saturday, January 20** Office Closed

**Sunday, January 21**  Worship at 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.*

**Financial Information**

Mission of the Month for January: PEM Foodshelf

General Mission Building Fund

1-07-2024 2,953.00 31.00 0.00

Total 2,953.00 31.00 0.00

**PRAYER LIST**

* Wendy’s son, Brady, needs prayers for a new beginning.
* John Zabel – prayers for strength and encouragement.
* For the people of Maui
* For the people of Iran, may God work through this movement.
* For this time of transition.
* The family of Bradley Kreofsky in this difficult time.
* Kent and Bea Harrington – the recent loss of their six-year-old granddaughter.
* Prayers for the country of Israel
* Barb Ellringer, with health concerns.





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