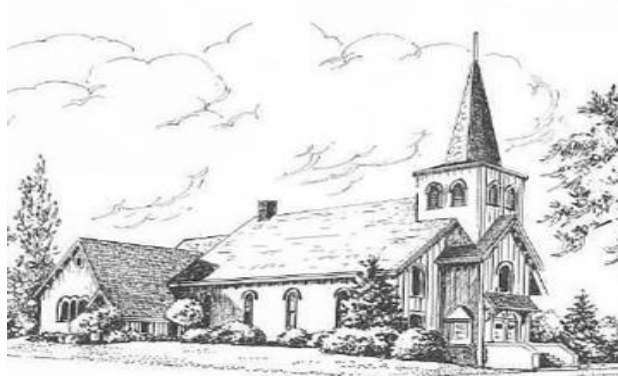


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Thursday, February 29, 2024

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning March 3rd – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20: 1-26

John 2: 13-23

Pastor Amy Kosari

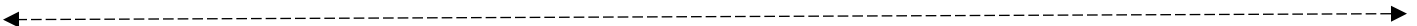
“Jesus went up to Jerusalem”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Host:



PER CAPITA

We must be mindful of our per capita payments to the Presbytery. Per capita is set at \$40.00 per individual. Our church still owes the Presbytery about \$3,350 in per capita payments. If you haven't paid your per capita for 2024 yet, please do so soon.

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

Mark is ready to send out 2023 giving statements. These are tax deductible statements of your 2023 giving to CPC. Please email or let Mark know that you would like your statement. They will be emailed out, or you can pick your copy up in the office. *Please note **that you must request your statement**, it won't be automatically e-mailed out to you.*

6-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Alan Dewey will lead a 6-week adult bible study starting Sunday February 18th, here at church before morning worship. The dates for this study are Feb 18, Feb 25, Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17, and Mar 24. The study is titled "Christian Hope". The Bible study starts at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and is held in the Conference Room.

SIGN UPDATE

This project is on hold until we can take the sign apart and send in the two transmitters to the company. There does not seem to be any way to take the sign apart, so we may have to cut into the sign with tools to remove the transmitter.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The men of CPC will host an Easter Breakfast on March 31, Easter Sunday morning. We need a group of 6-8 men working together in the kitchen to prepare a nice breakfast for the congregation. The breakfast will run from 8:30 a.m. until the 10 a.m. worship service. If

you have interest in helping prepare breakfast, let the office or Tim Pries know.

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. The Youth Group meets each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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.

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

- Resolution of conflicts in the mid-east.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for the country of Israel, in their battle against the Hamas.
- Prayers for Barb Ellringer, with health concerns.
- Prayers for the hostages in Gaza.
- Prayers for Penny, who is having a difficult time after the death of her sister.
- Prayers for Julie Flanagan that her shoulder replacement surgery went well without complications.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

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



We will rehearse on Feb 28th and March 6th.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

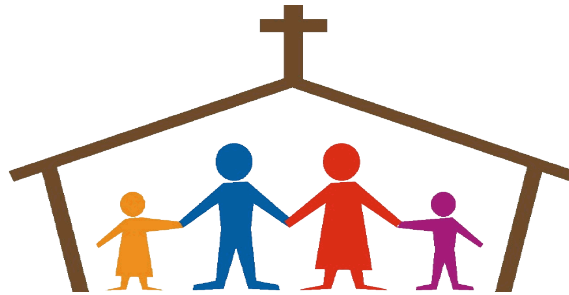
Tom & Mary Jo Strain	March 6
Sharon Firzlaff	March 11
Sue Ihrke	March 11
Vivian Cranston	March 12
Kent Harrington	March 14
Mattison Jensen	March 22
Janice Jurgenson	March 25

**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, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Torres

We are here with a vision of what can be as God calls us to worship.

We have journeyed this far, and we pause in gratitude.

Our endurance builds a spirit of understanding and, even in our weariness, joyful praise.

Hear our thanks as our hearts dance and voices sing.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jennifer Torres

As it says in scripture, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever." May we continue to give you all glory laud and

honor throughout all our days. We were created in God's image, to give honor and praise forever more. Amen. *Philippians 2: 9-11*

OPENING HYMN #166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Holy God, in the stillness of the hour, we listen for the Spirit's voice.

With broken hearts, we remember our faults and fears.

And still, the Comforter comes and soothes so that we may feel the power of promised forgiveness.

As we journey with Christ and seek strength for the life of faith, may we be reconciled unto God. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

Great Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy Kosari

Come and pray, search your heart.

In the stillness of this hour, Jesus is with us.

He is standing at the door knocking, calling us not because of who we think we are but because of who we are and who we can be, disciples of Jesus Christ.

Will we answer?

God has chosen us by grace.

We respond by choosing life in Jesus Christ.

Come and pray, search your heart.

Come and pray, saying together:

"Triune God, we choose life; we desire to abide in you. All honor and thanks to God."

GLORY TO GOD #577 "Gloria Patri" "Glory Be to the Father" in the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Amy Kosari

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

Holy God, you have revealed to us the sacrifices of the Lenten journey as we go. Here in the middle, as we sojourn, we look back at how far we have come and forward towards what is to come. Beloved God, you call us to stop and to be, finding joy where we are. You show us the beauty of the sky above, the firmness of the earth below. We breathe in the air of a new day, remember the rain along the way, and cling to the dreams of our nights. We stop and give thanks because we are alive and you are our God! Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jennifer Torres

Exodus 20: 1-26

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 2: 13-23

Pastor Amy Kosari

SERMON

"Jesus went up to Jerusalem"

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Responding

HYMN #233 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Verses 1, 2, 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

#291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mark Rich

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

March Mission of the Month: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

DOXOLOGY: #593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" from the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (Verses 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG #542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Jason & Mary