

Community  
Presbyterian  
Church



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Thursday, March 7, 2024

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning March 10th – Join us in person at church or online!***

***10:00 a.m.***

***Third Sunday in Lent***

*Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22*

*Ephesians 2: 1-10*

*John 3: 14-21*

**Pastor Tim Gerarden**

**“How God Loves the World”**

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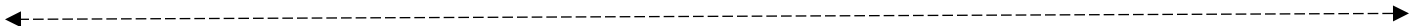
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**Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.**

**Host: Full Potluck Lunch Served in honor of Pastor Tim**

**Bring a dish to share!**



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

The session has 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 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 March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>.*

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

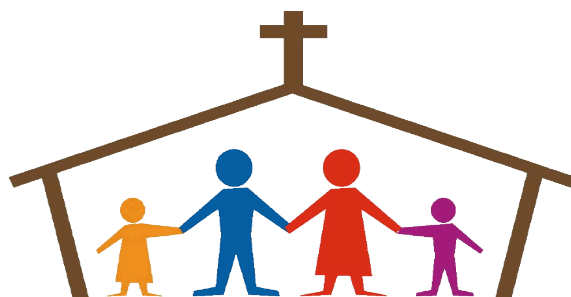
Tom & Mary Jo Strain	March 6
Sharon Firzlaff	March 11
Sue Ihrke	March 11
Vivian Cranston	March 12
Kent Harrington	March 14
Mattison Jensen	March 22
Janice Jurgenson	March 25

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



## Volunteers needed to serve in April and May!

Is there a Sunday you would be interested in helping serve during worship?  
We need greeters, coffee fellowship, and liturgist. Email [cpcoffice@hbcu.com](mailto:cpcoffice@hbcu.com).



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### **Gathering**

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

We enter into worship together, reflections of God's glory.

**Inspired by God's presence, we gather to join in praise.**

In joy, we lift our voices.

**With adoration, we express our gratitude.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

**Guided by our revelation, we are compelled to seek your wisdom as we continue the Lenten journey. We are filled with awesome wonder that you would love us so, trust us so, and move within us. Now fill our spirits with hope, humility, and resolve, that we might be**

**your will in the world. Open our hearts to accept this call upon our lives. May our sacred service be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #305 "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"

(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

In the name of Christ, I urge you:

**Be reconciled to God.**

God loves us more than we can ever know.

**Let us sing forever of God's love.**

Jesus says, "Let the little children come."

**We are all God's little children in His sight.**

Trusting in God's grace,

**Let us confess our sins to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**Jesus, being fully human, was tempted just as we are. Being fully divine, Jesus knew the way out of the wilderness through which we still wander. Trusting that Christ will lead us, we repent of our waywardness, confess our sins, and turn back to the path of God's mercy. In Jesus' Holy name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Tim Gerarden

Giving God,

**Living Lord,**

You have fed us with your body.

**You have poured out your life that we might live.**

We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal.

**Fed, we are strengthened;**

Filled, we are renewed;

**To share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.**

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Tim Gerarden

### **The Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the mercy you so freely offer us, safe passage through the sea, justice rolling down like water, deliverance from sin and death forever. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us to love and serve you faithfully and reconcile us to you and to one another as members of one, living body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Mark Rich

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark Rich

Ephesians 2: 1-10

A MUSICAL OFFERING

"Be Thou My Vision"

Dan Forrest

Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Pastor Tim Gerarden

John 3: 14-21

Pastor Tim Gerarden

SERMON

"How God Loves the World"

Pastor Tim Gerarden

### **Responding**

HYMN

#438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (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

#500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" (Verse 1)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Tim Gerarden

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Tim Gerarden

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up 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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Tim Gerarden

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

March Mission of the Month: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

DOXOLOGY: #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Verses 1, 2, & 3)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Lindsay Hammer-Bartley Family