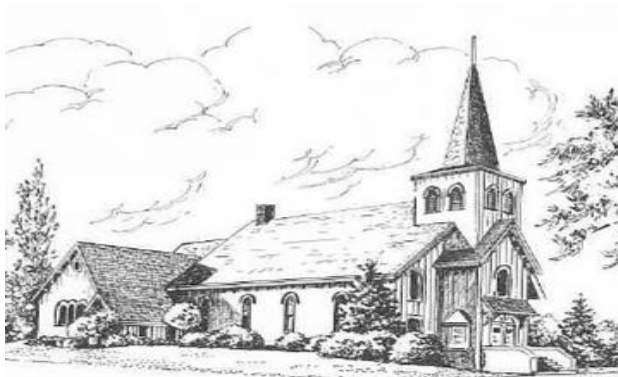


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Thursday, April 4, 2024

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning April 7th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Psalm 133

John 20: 19-31

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

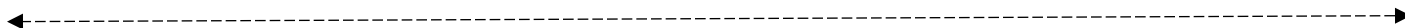
“Another Point of View”

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

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Host: Sharon Firzlaff



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.*

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.

YOUTH GROUP

A big THANK YOU from the Christian Education Committee for those who supported the Wednesday night youth group this year. There was an average of 10 5th -10th graders who attended every week.

-Diane Ellringer and Cathy DeMartini for helping on Wednesday nights

-Sharon Firzlaff and Julie Flanagan who prepared the meals each week.

-Congregation members who provided desserts

-Parents for getting their kids here on Wednesday nights.

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.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

CPC will host a Progressive Supper on April 27. We have a sign-up sheet in the office. Please sign up by April 14 so we can make plans for the dinner. This should be a fun time for all!

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

Our mission of the month is the Summer Migrant Education Program. The goal of the summer Migrant Education Program is to help bridge the education gap that our migrant students face when they move between here and Texas throughout the school year. We provide additional learning opportunities for students K-12 to ensure they are not penalized for their unique learning situation. We do this through a combination of classroom instruction (math, reading, writing, and other key academic skills) and hand-on activities, such as arts and crafts projects as well as trips to our local state parks. Molly McDonald is joining the program this year as a part-time art instructor and co-coordinator; she has a vision of having students put on an art show at the end of the program (potentially at the library) to showcase what they've learned. Funds donated will go towards art supplies, other school supplies, and essentials that we distribute to students throughout the program.

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

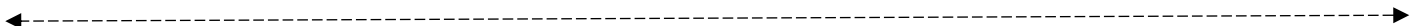
Session Leaders: Bonnie Bosma & Janet Rouillard

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 as she recovers from shoulder surgery.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

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



We will rehearse April 10th and April 17th.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

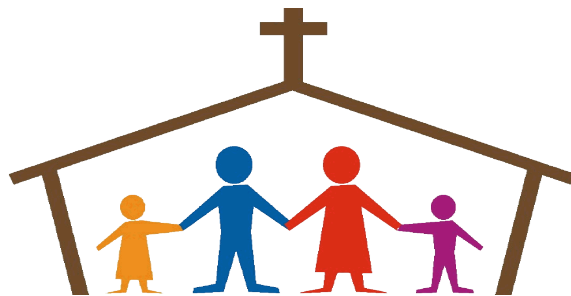
Tom & Mary Jo Strain	March 6
Sharon Firzlaff	March 11
Sue Ihrke	March 11
Vivian Cranston	March 12
Kent Harrington	March 14
Mattison Jensen	March 22
Janice Jurgenson	March 25

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Volunteers needed to serve in May & June!

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, April 7, 2024

First Sunday after Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Torres

One: God has made this day.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

One: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

All: Thanks be to God.

One: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

All: In God's presence and in the community of faith we see our lives more clearly.

One: Let us worship our God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jennifer Torres

O mighty God, as our days start to turn from the chill of winter to the warmth of spring, we ask to be continually embraced by your love and mercy. And on this beautiful Sunday

morning as we gather as a community to praise this gift of love and mercy, may our rejoicing ring high to the heavens!!! Amen.

OPENING HYMN #15 "All Creatures Of Our God and King"

(Verses 1, 4, 5, & 6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Brothers and sisters, we have the opportunity to enter the Most Holy Place—the very presence of God

With our hearts, minds, music, money, words, troubles, cares, bringing our whole selves before God.

We are humbled how to know that even though we are sinners that through the wounds of Jesus, a new way of living opened for us.

So with thanksgiving and humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

God of our hopes and fears, we yearn for you. When we are overwhelmed with fear, forgive us. When suffering which we experience in other people's lives makes us want to turn away from you and stop believing in you, forgive us. When we cannot bear to face sufferings in our world or acknowledge our sad feelings about it, forgive us. When we seek quick solutions to problems around us rather than allowing ourselves to feel the pain and seek true healing, forgive us. When we accept quick answers and easy excuses, forgive us. Fill our hearts with desire for the fullness of life that only you can bring. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

One: Beloved friends, God's love is more profound than any of our resistance. God's forgiveness goes deeper than our despair.

All: God is with us in all times and places. Through Christ, we receive God's forgiveness and healing. Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

THE PSALM

Jennifer Torres

Psalm 133

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

John 20: 19-31

MESSAGE

"Another Point of View"

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

Responding

HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision" (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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer."

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

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

April Mission of the Month: PEM Summer Migrant Education Program

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

(Verses 1, 2, & 3)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG "This Little Light of Mine"

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Nancy & Harmonie Hollister