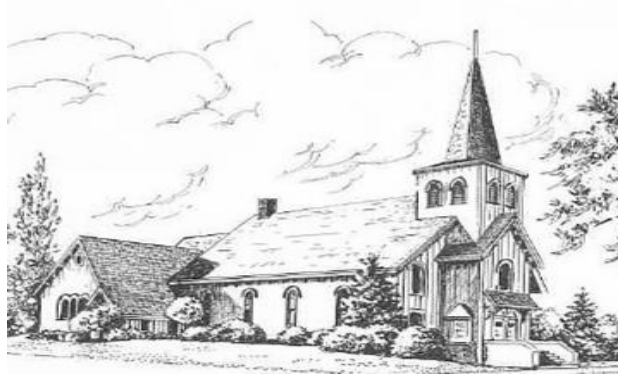


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Thursday, December 26, 2024

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning December 29th – Join us in person at church or online!***

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

***First Sunday in Christmas***

*Isaiah 9: 6*

*Romans 12: 12*

*Romans 15: 12*

*Romans 8: 35-37*

**Janice Jurgenson**

“The Gifts of Jesus”

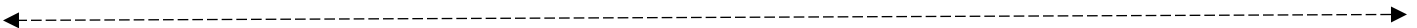
**[Community Presbyterian Church - Home \(cpcplainview.com\)](http://cpcplainview.com)**

**[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)**

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

**Host: Cathy DeMartini & Janet Rouillard**



## **PUMPKIN SPICE WITH JESUS CHRIST**

This activity has paused and will resume on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **PRAY FOR COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A group of members have committed themselves to praying for the church at either 9am or 9pm, or both. Please feel free to join with the Lord in prayer at either or both of these times. There is great power in prayer, and praying together brings unity.

#### **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**

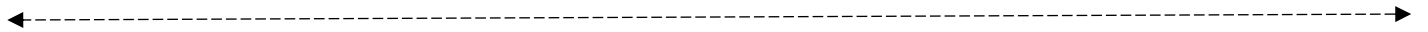
Session Leaders: Bonnie Bosma & Janet Rouillard

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

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for the country of Israel, in their battles.
- Prayers for the hostages in Gaza.
- Prayers for John and Zac Zabel, for better health.
- Prayers for Jason and his family as they mourn the passing of Jason's sister Ruby.
- Prayers for Julie Flanagan's husband Joe, as he had heart surgery.
- Prayers for Jill Johnson.
- Prayers for Voni Distad, Janice's friend who is going through cancer treatment.



**CHOIR SCHEDULE** We will take Wednesdays December 25,  
January 1 and January 8 off and  
resume rehearsals January 15.



## **CPC Session Members**

Betsy Dewey, Janet Rouillard, Alan Dewey, Shawn Jensen, Janice Jurgenson, Joan Lee, Tim Pries, and Bonnie Bosma.

## **CPC Deacons**

Cathy DeMartini, Donna Christison, Jason Laske, Diane Ellringer, Sharon Firzlaff, and Stephanie Kreofsky.

## **CPC Mission Committee Leaders**

Janet Rouillard and Bonnie Bosma.

## **December Birthdays and Anniversaries**

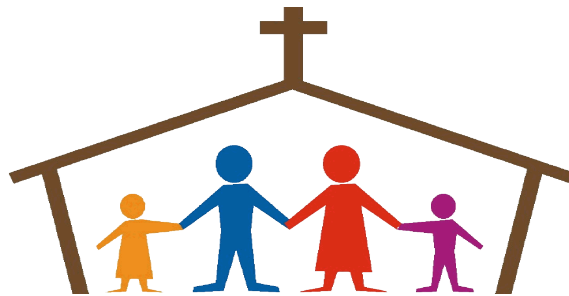
Julie & Joe Flanagan	Dec. 2
Howard & Rosemary Gray	Dec. 7
Alex Bartley	Dec. 11
Kennedy Jensen	Dec. 18
Bruce Firzlaff	Dec. 20
Brandon Hollister	Dec. 27
John & Zac Zabel	Dec. 29
Betsy Dewey	Dec. 30

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



**Volunteers needed to serve in February & March!**

Is there a Sunday you would be interested in helping serve during worship?  
We need greeters, coffee fellowship, and liturgist. Sign up on the deacon's sign up clipboard or email [cpcoffice@hbcj.com](mailto:cpcoffice@hbcj.com).



**Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Sunday in Christmas

**Gathering**

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Ellringer

Praise the Lord, all of creation!

**God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

In sun and moon and shining stars,

**God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

In sea creatures, land beasts, and flying birds,

**God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

From young to old, from princes to peasants,

**God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Raise up your horns, lift up your voice,

**For God is exalted in heaven and earth!**

**Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

**God of growth and maturation, we remember that in Jesus Christ you modeled what it means to be fully human. Thank you for the unwritten years of Jesus' life—the growth that happened in private, the lessons learned in secret, the burgeoning favor and hidden treasure. Grant us your grace in this time of worship. Help us welcome and receive the gift of slow growth, that we might be formed in your likeness. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God.

**It is knowing that God is faithful to us.**

Trusting that God will never turn away from us,

**Let us tell the truth about our lives.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

**Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or**

**the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. Amen.**

#### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Janice Jurgenson

Emmanuel did not come into this world to condemn, but to save:

**God does not come to imprison us, but to set us free.**

Through this abundant Love, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri "Glory be to the Father" found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

#### SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Janice Jurgenson

#### A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

### The Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh—Good News of great joy for all—so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Diane Ellringer

Isaiah 9: 6

#### THE EPISTLE LESSONS

Romans 12: 12

Romans 15: 12

Romans 8: 35 - 37

#### MESSAGE

"The Gifts of Jesus"

Janice Jurgenson

## **Responding**

HYMN #147 "The First Nowell"

(Verses 1, 3, & 6)

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 #128 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

December Mission of the Month: Christmas Anonymous Program

DOXOLOGY: #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

BENEDICTION

Janice Jurgenson

BENEDICTION SONG #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

(Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Ron Manzow & Julie Flanagan