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Church



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Thursday, April 3, 2025

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning April 6th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-28

John 12: 1-10

Pastor Amy Kosari

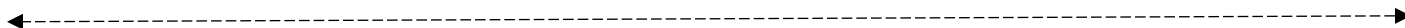
“Six Days before Passover”

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

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Host: Diane Ellringer



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week, the Community Theatre gave us a presentation of a new stage for the front of our sanctuary. We will use this space in the bulletin and newsletter to post questions and answers regarding this proposal for our sanctuary. The proposal was for a permanent stage built in the front of our sanctuary, at a height of 18 inches above the current floor. This will allow everyone in the audience to see clearly what is going on at the stage.

Please email your questions to the office at cpcoffice@hbc.com. Questions and answers will be posted in the newsletter and bulletin and will remain anonymous.

Theatre proposal concern: It needs to be pointed out that permanently adding to the height of the altar does not actually add any useable performance space, since there won't be any additional stage width or length. Using the current altar has not in the past (nor will it in the future) prohibited use by the community (school choirs, etc.).

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

Maundy Thursday, April 17. The service starts at 6:30 with Holy Communion. This will be a small intimate setting for sharing bread and wine.

Good Friday, April 18. This is a service where we remember the crucifixion of Jesus, and his death. The service ends in silence, as we look forward to Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, April 20, starting at 8:30 a.m. we will have an Easter Breakfast prepared by the men of the church. The breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and we will have our Easter Sunday church service starting at 10:00 a.m.

PUMPKIN SPICE WITH JESUS CHRIST

We are now back on Wednesday afternoons and evenings! We have our arrival time at 5:45 p.m., we have a meal starting at 6:00 and have a group activity at 6:30. This is a fun time for all!

PLANT STANDS

Does anyone have any plant stands to share with the church to place Easter lilies on during Easter? Contact Mark or one of the deacons. Thank you!

AL-ANON IS:

A fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. A mutual support recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. A nonprofessional fellowship is where members share their experience, strength, and hope to solve their common problems. Al-Anon meets weekly at the Plainview Church of Christ on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. 205 First Street NE (enter door #3 on 2nd Avenue).

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.

PER CAPITA 2025

Per Capita is now being collected for the 2025 church year. It is \$42.00 per person. We currently owe the Presbytery \$12,689.00 in Per Capita payments. Per Capita directly supports the Presbytery. Your Per Capita dollars helped achieve the following (*This is only a partial list*):

Congregations receive direct grants for ministry initiatives and opportunities. Several congregations benefited from emergency pastoral and financial support. The Pastoral Positions Team walked alongside congregations during pastoral leadership transitions.

The Committee on Ministry supported congregations and pastors through direct support and committee action.

The Board of Trustees supported congregations through their work on legal matters, church loans, and property transactions.

Presbytery staff and officers were present for worship and/or consultation in most of our congregations during 2024.

Anti-Racism Task Force and related ministries sponsored training events and speakers that benefited all of our congregations in the area of anti-racism, non-violent communication, and related topics.

Several local and national organizations received direct financial support grants through the Mission and Witness and the Self Development of People grants.

Several seminary students and those seeking additional education received scholarship gifts.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, April 27th we will have a congregational meeting to discuss the new stage proposal by the Plainview Community Theatre. We will have a time for questions and answers, and we will take a vote on whether to approve these modifications to our church.



CHOIR SCHEDULE We will rehearse Wednesday April 2, April 9 & April 16. We hope you can join us! Our rehearsals start at 6:00 p.m.



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Chris Loal, Janice's son-in-law who is having heart valve surgery on April 10th.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky who is in the hospital with respiratory problems.
- Prayers for Freeda, Ralph's sister who has two pelvis fractures.
- Prayers for Ali, Pastor Amy & Farhad's friend who has cancer.
- Prayers for Yvette Jurgenson, who has fluid behind her eye.
- Prayers for Vonni Distad, Janice's friend who is going through cancer treatment.
- Prayers for John and Zac Zabel, for better health.
- Prayers for the people of Israel, hostages in Gaza, and the people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tom & Diane Ellringer

Apr. 4

Jordan Alden

Apr. 18

Julie Cranston-Fuentes

Apr. 22

Wendy Rollie

Apr. 29

**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. Sign up on the deacon's sign
up clipboard or email cpcoffice@hbc.com.



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Bosma

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, we give thanks for the new things that you are doing and for your provision in our wilderness. As we have wandered, you have steadied us; you have provided manna, that we might not hunger, and you have provided water, that we might not thirst. We have gained new awareness as you have revealed your love. Open our lips, that we might join with all creation in singing your praise, O God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Jesus' journey in the wilderness was the beginning of his ministry, not the end.

Forty days in the desert prepared Jesus for a life of service that led to the cross.

This season gives us the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Christ, preparing to love and serve.

The Holy Spirit has already given us all that we need to fulfill this calling. How will we respond?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, this season of Lent calls us to intentionally reflect on the loving gift of Christ, you gave him so that he might give his life and his death on the cross. What shall we do in response to that gift? Will we recognize and receive it, following Christ as an offering of gratitude? O God, you have given us grace. Help us to respond in faith. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Beloved children of God, all is not lost.

Even now, when it seems all has ended, we wait in hope.

For in the darkness of this night,

Salvation is just beginning. 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

Pastor Amy

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Dear Lord Jesus, restore our souls and lead us in the right path for your sake. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long. Blessed be your name, Jesus, name above all names. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43: 16-28

Bonnie Bosma

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Bonnie Bosma

John 12: 1-10

MESSAGE "Six Days before Passover"

Pastor Amy

Responding

HYMN #846 "Fight the Good Fight"

(Verses 1, 2, & 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 #703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Migrant Education 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 #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #697 "Take My Life" (Verse 6)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Diane Ellringer & Stephanie Kreofsky