

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway  
Plainview, MN 55964

*Sunday, April 13, 2025*

*Palm Sunday*





# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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## **Gathering**

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Torres

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

The journey through Holy Week brings u face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

Let us now worship our God.

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

**We have come to meet you today, Jesus. We don't now quite what to expect. We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs. But we come humbly, laying our coats before you. It's your call. Reveal to us who you are, how you can be a Saviour in our lives, a Saviour in our world today. Come Lord Jesus, come! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Wearied by our poor choices, worn down by our foolish words, we struggle to be faithful followers of Jesus.

**Yet, it is precisely in such moments that God comes, with that love which never gives up, that grace which is always offered freely to us.**

So, let us come with our prayers, to the gate of God's heart, so we may enter forgiveness and life anew. Let us join our voices together, as we pray, saying,

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

**We are so busy thinking about ourselves, God of constant love, that we cannot begin to ponder what was in Jesus' mind. We shout for joy on a day like this, smiling as we wave our palms, yet quickly toss them aside as we go out into the world. We harden our faces, not in discipleship, but to turn away those who come looking for help from us.**

**Yet, because he was fully human like us, God of unfailing compassion, we too can be more like Jesus. So, as we begin our journey through Holy Week and beyond, may we choose humility over pride, weakness over strength, compassion over bully, and seek to do whatever we are called to do, without any promise of reward. We pray this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Denise

God dares us to think like Jesus, knowing that if we do, we will discover the gifts we can offer, the words of hope we can share, the grace we can use to bless those around us.

**God hears our prayers, listens to our hearts, fills us with forgiveness, and walks with us in these moments and in all the ones to come.**

Thanks be to God for such incredible mercy! 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

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

### **The Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

**As your word is read, heard, and preached, O God, send your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding and nurture our faith with the Good News in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Jennifer Torres

Psalms 118: 1-2; 20-24 (NRSV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19: 28-40 (NRSV)

SERMON

"The Lord Needs It"

Pastor Denise

### **Responding**

HYMN #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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 #529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God who opens the gates of justice be with you.

**May God be with you as well.**

Let us empty ourselves of our pride and power,

**So God can fill our hearts with humility**

Let us learn the songs of praise God would teach us,

**So we rejoice in God's steadfast love morning by morning.**

Let us pray . . . You sent Word and Spirit to gather up chaos,  
. . . we join in songs of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy are you, Stonemason of salvation.**

**All creation joins in recognizing this moment of grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who is peace and glory for us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

We proclaim the mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died, that we might gain life;**

**Christ is risen, that life might spring forth in us;**

**Christ will come again, carrying our hopes to us.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

April Mission of the Month: PEM Migrant Education Program

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray together:

**God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Denise

BENEDICTION SONG #227 "Jesus, Remember Me" (Sing twice)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Tim & Diana Pries

### **Financial Information**

Mission of the Month for April – PEM Migrant Education Program

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
04-06-2025	3,857.00	62.00	168.00
TOTAL	3,857.00	62.00	168.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministry!*



## PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the Carly Kuble family.
- Prayers for Pastor Denise's cataract surgeries coming up.
- Prayers for Chris Loal, Janice's son-in-law who had heart valve surgery April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky with respiratory problems.
- Prayers for Freeda, Ralph's sister who has two pelvis fractures.
- Prayers for Ali, Pastor Amy and 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 people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.



*This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:*

**Sunday, April 13**

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

*10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Morning Worship*

*11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship*

**Monday, April 14**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Tuesday, April 15**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

*Release Time 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, April 16**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

*Release Time 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

*6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary*

**Thursday, April 17**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

*6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the church basement*

**Friday, April 18**

Office Closed

*6:30 p.m. Good Friday Church Service in the Sanctuary*

**Saturday, April 19**

Office Closed

**Sunday, April 20**

*8:30 a.m. Start of Church Easter Breakfast*

*10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary*

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Tom & Diane Ellringer*

*Jordan Alden*

*Julie Cranston-Fuentes*

*Wendy Rollie*

*Apr. 4*

*Apr. 18*

*Apr. 22*

*Apr. 29*

## PEM 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. The program provides additional learning opportunities for students K-12 to ensure they are not penalized for their unique learning situation. Services provided include a combination of classroom instruction (math, reading, writing, and other key academic skills) and hands-on activities, such as arts and crafts projects as well as trips to our local state parks. Students are always in need of school supplies and other essentials the program provides.

## Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> MIGHT 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.

## Holy Week and Easter at Community Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The service starts at 6:30 with Holy Communion. This will be a small intimate setting for sharing bread and wine while seated around the tables in the basement.

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 p.m. This is a service where we remember the crucifixion Jesus, and his death. The service ends in silence, as we look forward to Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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