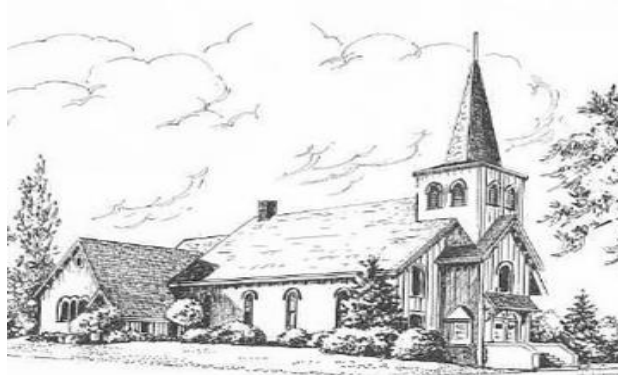


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Thursday, April 10, 2025

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning April 13th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2; 20-24

Luke 19: 28-40

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

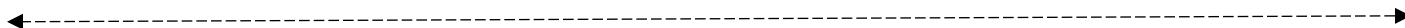
“The Lord Needs It”

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

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Host: Rosemary Gray



Lindsay Hammer-Bartley has written a letter of support for the theatre:

It was delightful to hear the proposal from our Plainview Community Theater friends. Our congregation has been praying for a path forward, and hearing their presentation was confirmation for me that we have an opportunity to move forward and grow. The plan I heard allows us to influence the design, furnishings, and maintain control of the project. The plan will modernize our space and keep the sanctuary focused on worship, while also allowing us to continue our 20+ year tradition of supporting community theater. The bonus in this plan is that the theater will be funding the remodel. The remodel will allow us to explore new ministries and community events in the future that could yield additional revenue streams (if we choose to) that could keep the doors of CPC open and further our ministry.

I am struggling to find a reason we would not entertain this proposal. I am hopeful we can approach this as an approval to plan with the vote on 4/27. Like any development or build we should approach this as a stepwise process with approvals and phases to keep stakeholders informed and account for the Session and Presbytery approvals.

Other churches in our area have amenities for the congregation and community. For example, Immanuel Lutheran has a school and gym space. Good Sheperd has remodeled and offers their commercial kitchen, while also allowing the Just For Kix dance group practice in their classroom spaces. The Church of Christ hosts large events at Halloween and hosts the Feed My Starving Children Ministry. CPC has an opportunity to serve our community in a unique way by hosting the theater. I ask the session and congregation to open their hearts and minds to this opportunity.

I fully support the Community Theater plan and am confident we will arrive at design that honors tradition, faith, AND serves the Community Theater.

Lindsay Hammer-Bartley

Another congregation member has raised the following concerns:

Someone brought up the need for floor drawings last Sunday and a front drawing depicting what the stage would look like from the pews (it's hard to buy something when you don't know what it looks like.)

We, with accurate drawings, would then know the new arrangement and the location of the new steps.

The church would need assurance that the new platform could carry their new weights.

At some point the approval of the Presbytery would be needed. They also would probably need an accurate drawing.

Our church is in a precarious position right now. To have this vote now may well cause dissention and split. We need to remember that we are all children of God, and we are in God's house.

What assurance does the congregation have that when this "permanent" platform needs to be taken down that damaged areas are repaired or replaced and that we would not end up taking it down ourselves? Why not leave the arrangement with the theatre group as it has always been?

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 service starts at 6:30 and 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.

YOUTH GROUP

We are now finished with our spring youth group. We will have a youth group Lock-In on Saturday June 21st, 2025. This is always a fun time for all involved!

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.

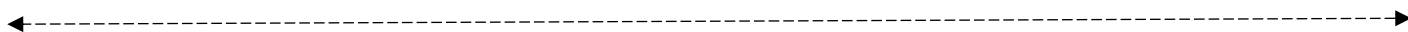


CHOIR SCHEDULE We will rehearse Wednesday April 9, April 16 & April 23. We hope you can join us! Our rehearsals start at 6:00 p.m.



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Chris Loal, Janice's son-in-law who had heart valve surgery on April 10th.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky 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 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

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