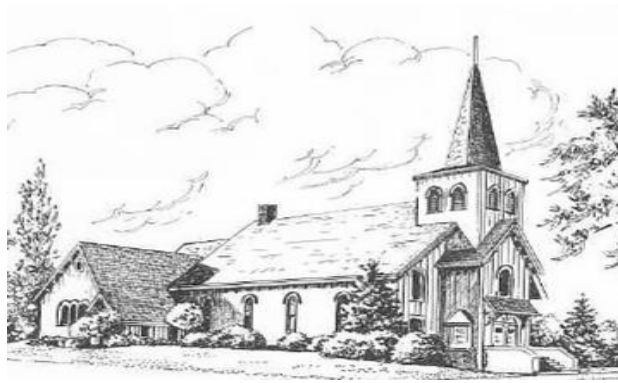


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Thursday, September 11, 2025

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning September 14th – Join us in person at church or online!***

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

***Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost***

*Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28*

*Psalm 14*

*Luke 15: 1-10*

**Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins**

**“Do Fences Make Good Neighbors?”**

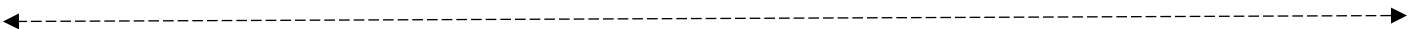
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**Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube**

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**Coffee Fellowship served after church.**

**Servers: Ralph & Betty Van Houten**



## **Mission of the Month for September: PEM Playground**

The current PEM playground is 30 years old, lacks inclusiveness, includes broken and racked equipment, layers of wood chips which don't provide a good base for wheelchair access, and lacks proper lighting, proper cameras for supervision, and proper drainage.

The new playground, estimated to cover about 7,500 square feet, would include ramps, a wheelchair-accessible 'Sway Fun' glider, a wheelchair-accessible 'We-go-Round,' musical elements that can be utilized, and canopies to provide shade.

According to the Plainview News, about 800 youngsters, plus those from the community, use the playground multiple times every school day.

The estimated cost of the 'PEM Playground of Paws-ibilities' is \$720,000. Additional work, to - fix drainage problems and add light poles and fencing for security, would push the cost to around \$1 million.

About 95 percent of the cost must be raised by fund-raising - and, Wright said, 100 percent of donations will go toward the new playground. He hopes work can begin after a year of fundraising, in June of 2026, and be complete by that fall.

The Lions Club has adjusted the location of its adaptive playground project, originally planned for Wedgewood Park, to the PreK-3 Elementary School site.

## **Choir Music Donations**

We have a wonderfully full choral library from which to choose music for the choir to sing each year. However, all the music we have is written for a four-part choir. This means that we have four parts singing in the choir, and we need at least two people on a part to carry the part and make it sound musical. With the smaller number of choir members we currently have, we can only do two-part music. This means we must purchase new music each year that we sing. This can be expensive. If anyone in the congregation would like to donate something toward the purchase of new music, that would be fantastic! Just write a note with your donation and place it in the offering

plate. Each anthem we sing costs about \$3.00 per copy, and we order 10 copies (the minimum allowed to order), so each anthem costs us about \$30. Thank you for your support of the choir!

## **YOUTH GROUP**

We are now finished with our spring youth group. We had a Lock-In event this past June 21, and it was fun for all. We will return with exciting events in the fall. Enjoy your summer!

## **AL-ANON IS:**

A fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Al-Anon is: a mutual support recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Al-Anon is: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue).

## **PRAY FOR COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are trying to make this church a PRAYING church, where we rely on the power of prayer in complex decisions. 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.

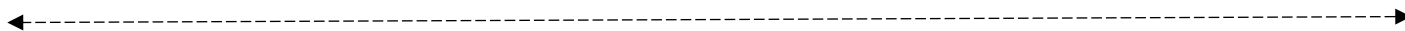


**CHOIR SCHEDULE:** We will restart choir this fall starting September 17. We are waiting for music to arrive, and this is the first date all our members can be in rehearsal.



## PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Ralph's family with the passing of his sister.
- Prayers for Ron Byler with his recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky, who is in a lot of pain and has kidney disease.
- Prayers for Israel and Iran conflict resolution.
- Prayers for Ralph's nephew's wife, who is having minor strokes.
- Prayers for Janet Rouillard as she enters the nursing home in Lake City.
- Prayers for Joe & Julie Flanagan, for Joe's health.
- Prayers for Bonnie's niece Debra, with breast and bone cancer.
- Prayers for Tim's brother, Scott, with health problems.
- Prayers for Ali, Pastor Amy and Farhad's friend who has cancer.
- Prayers for Voni Distad, Janice's friend who is going through cancer treatment.
- Prayers for John and Zac Zabel, for better health.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Josh Hollister	Sept. 9
Hazel Bartley	Sept. 11
Julie Flanagan	Sept. 12
Bonnie Bosma	Sept. 17
Haven Paulson	Sept. 24
Lindsay Hammer-Bartley	Sept. 27

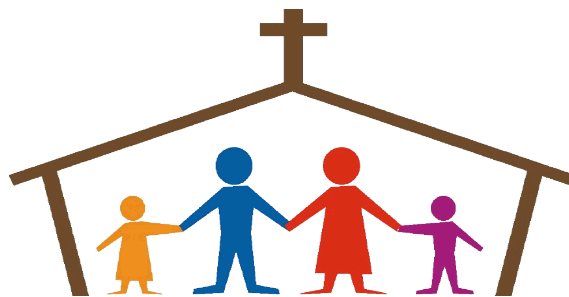
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



### Volunteers needed to serve in October & November!

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, September 7th, 2025

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Bosma

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

**We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.**

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after a God?'

**We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

**This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to the questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between.**

**We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen.**

*Written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship, [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)*

OPENING HYMN #410 "God is Calling Through the Whisper"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Which of us has not hurt someone this week?

**Which of us has not spoken (or thought) ill of a sister or brother in Christ?**

Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us?

**All of us and each of us! But Christ came to save people just like us:**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

**Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.**

**How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our lord and Savior, came to find us.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

One: Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children.

**All: 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

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

### **The Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:



**Your Word, O God: let our minds meditate on it, let our tongues speak of it, let our hearts love it, let our mouths preach it, let our souls hunger for it, our flesh thirst for it, and our whole being desire it, until we enter into the joy of the Lord, who is God one and Triune, blessed forever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  
Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Bonnie Bosma

THE PSALM  
Psalm 14

THE GOSPEL TESTAMENT LESSON  
Luke 15: 1-10

SERMON "Do Fences Make Good Neighbors?" Pastor Denise

### **Responding**

HYMN # 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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 #627 "I Love You, Lord"

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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



May the God of the lost be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts to the One who searches for you.

**We lift them to our God, whom we find dwelling in our deepest being.**

God's precious treasure, offer your thanksgiving to God.

**We glorify our God, who does not give up on us, but rescues us when we have wandered away.**

.....with the sinners and losers of this world, we sing our praises to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God whose heart overflows with faith and love. Joy echoes down the corridors of creation.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes searching for the lost.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

.....We proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died, relentless in trusting God;**

**Christ was raised, as God purposed;**

**Christ will come, to rejoice with us in glory.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Denise

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

September Mission of the Month: PEM Playground

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**When we could not find our way, you came searching for us. So may our gifts be used to bring hope to those cast aside by the world, peace to those whose lives are troubled, and grace to all who are alone. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"  
(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Denise

BENEDICTION SONG #649 "Amazing Grace" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Janice Jurgenson, Ron Manzow