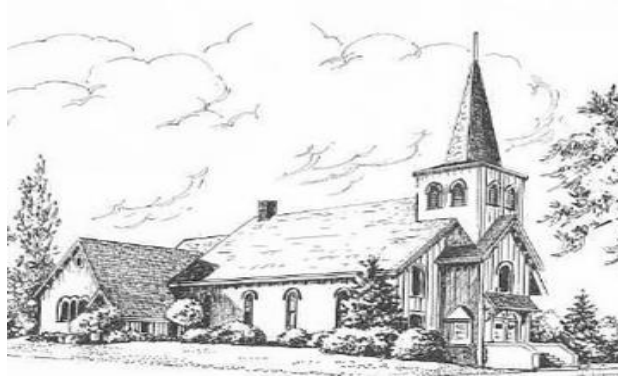


Community
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Thursday, October 16, 2025

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning October 19th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost

Psalm 121

Luke 18: 1-8

Pastor Amy Kosari

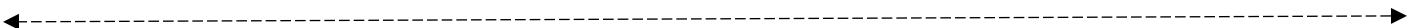
“To Pray Always and Not Grow Faint”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Ralph & Betty Van Houten



Mission of the Month for October

Food Insecurity- the Backpack Food Program

In Minnesota, **1 in 8 children struggle with hunger and experience food insecurity**. According to the USDA, food insecurity is defined as not having consistent access to nutritious food to live an active and healthy lifestyle (2018). The effects of hunger can be both short and long term, and it can present itself in various ways, including missing meals, skipping meals, having less to eat at meals, etc.

Hunger can affect anyone, but the devastating reality of food insecurity can be felt all throughout a student's life. When kids in our community go to school, they are able to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch, but what happens when school is out?

THE SOLUTION

We believe that hunger should never be a barrier to success. Community funded and community led, the Backpack food program provides elementary school students with nutritious, well-balanced meals when school is out. Free food is distributed weekly in food packs (i.e. large freezer bags). With help from volunteers and staff, the food packs are discreetly delivered at the end of each week to the student's teacher. The packs are then placed into the student's backpack when they are out at recess or away from their lockers for them to take home for the weekend.

Student enrollment is open year-round. Elementary students are eligible for free meals from the Backpack Food Program. We honor most allergies, dietary restrictions and culturally specific diets within our food packs.

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 2nd 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.

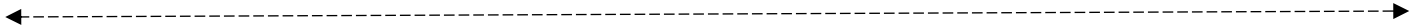


CHOIR SCHEDULE: *Choir has resumed! We will rehearse Wednesday October 15 and October 22. We would like to sing in church on October 26. We rehearse at 6:00 p.m. and our rehearsals run about an hour.*



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the family of Carol Eidenschink, who passed away October 12.
- Prayers for Cheryl Alden, recovering from pneumonia and is on crutches.
- Prayers for Bonnie Bosma as she had knee replacement Oct. 6.
- Prayers for Darlyne, Donna's sister who is now in hospice.
- Prayers for Zac and John Zabel as they adjust to living in the nursing home
- 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 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.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jerry Dewey	Oct. 4
Ryan Flanagan	Oct. 5
Jennifer Torres	Oct. 6
Joan Lee	Oct. 7
Diana Pries	Oct. 13
Steve Kreofsky	Oct. 23
Tim Pries	Oct. 27
Betty Van Houten	Oct. 30
Gary & Joan Lee	Oct. 31

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Volunteers needed to serve in November & December!

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, October 19th, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,

So I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

God of mercy and justice, how great and mighty you are. You administer to each according to your grace and not according to what we deserve. Keep from us all evil, the

evil we commit and the evil committed by others. Preserve us by your providence, all for the sake of your holy name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

God does not take pleasure in our suffering,

Or delight in our failures,

But bids us to turn back to God's way

And find eternal life. Let us make our honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

Holy God, we confess to you: we are not of the same mind, we do not share the same love, we act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy Kosari

When we lift up our souls to God,

God does not put us to shame.

God forgives us, leads us in the truth,

And leads us in what is right. 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

Pastor Amy

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

God has welcomed us without reservation, so let us welcome all in God's name! Peace be with you. May God's Word be among us, around us, and within us. Amen.

THE PSALMS

Psalm 121

Mark Rich

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18: 1-8

SERMON "To Pray Always and Not Grow Faint" Pastor Amy

Responding

HYMN #45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

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 #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (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

October Mission of the Month: PEM Backpack Food Program

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual---let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #348 Red Hymnal "Faith of Our Fathers" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Bruce & Sharon Firzlaff