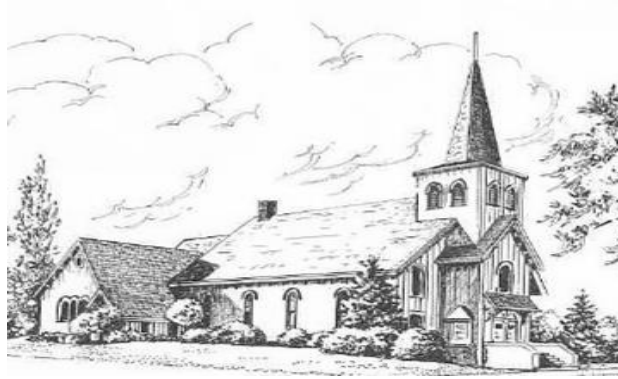


Community
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Church



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Thursday, October 23, 2025

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning October 26th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday in Pentecost

Psalm 121

Luke 18: 1-8

Pastor Amy Kosari

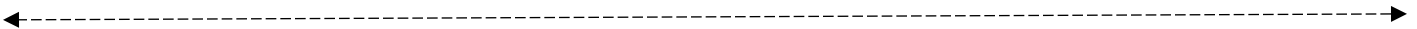
“To Pray Always and Not Grow Faint”

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.

Lights for Life

Luminary Fundraiser for Cancer

Honor your loved ones affected by cancer by donating and decorating a luminary bag.

\$10 each or \$25 for 3 bags.

Luminary bags can be purchased at the following locations:

Foresight Bank, People's State Bank, Edward Jones, Ag Partners, Bella Salon, and Erin's Touch of Style.

Each donated bag will be displayed at local businesses along West Broadway and 3rd St. SW through the month of December.

You are encouraged to take the luminary bag home to be creative and personalize it. Return to purchase location by **Tuesday, November 25, 2025.**

Donations support Lions Club International Foundation Childhood Cancer & American Cancer Society. The LCIF Childhood Cancer provides support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities. The American Cancer Society is a national advocacy, research, and patient support organization, that seeks to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

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.



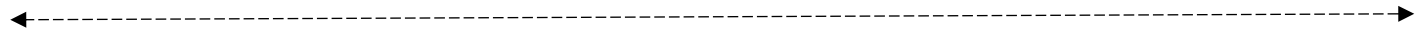
CHOIR SCHEDULE: *Choir has resumed! We will rehearse Wednesday October 22 and October 29. We would like to sing in church on October 26. We rehearse at 6:00 p.m. and our rehearsals run about an hour.*



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the family of Carol Eidenschink, who passed away October 12.
- Prayers for Cheryl Alden, recovering from a knee injury.
- Prayers for Bonnie Bosma as she had knee replacement Oct. 6.
- Prayers for Donna with the passing of her sister Darlyne.
- 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 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 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. 3

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@hbci.com.



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, October 26th, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Torres

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

You water the furrows of the fields abundantly, and pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

Holy God, you look with blessing on humble hearts and with mercy on those who serve your heavenly kingdom and the fortitude to work for it today and every day. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #401 "Here in This Place"
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

From ancient times to now, God's people have turned away.

We are no different: we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way.

Let us be honest---

About how we have failed to follow God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

True God from True God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy Kosari

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything, the Lord forgives your sins!

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

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

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. Help our minds to comprehend your love, your grace, and your mercy in the scriptures, your Holy Book. Amen.

THE PSALMS

Psalm 65

Jennifer Torres

A MUSICAL OFFERING "A Mountain Harvest" CPC Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18: 9-34

SERMON "Two Men Went Up Into the Temple" Pastor Amy

Responding

HYMN #326 "For All the Saints"
(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

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 #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
(Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain)

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

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #741 "Guide My Feet"
(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Janice Jurgenson & Cheryl Alden