

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

First Sunday in Advent





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Christison

Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.

We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now. God is here, now!

Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth

So that we can learn her ways and choose her paths.

To enter the house of God, we must wake up to the nightmare of hate and violence; all oppression must cease.

We will beat our weapons into tools for Love. We will take the walls we raise against the stranger and build a house where all can live in peace.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Nancy & Harmonie Hollister

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by singing our Advent song:

Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, Candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Please join me:

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

We pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Hope.

(the first candle- the Candle of Hope – is lit)

Let us sing together:

*Verse One: **Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;***

We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.

*Refrain: **Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;***

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

To You, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes. Have mercy on us! God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation. Hear us when we call! From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us. We will magnify your holy name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God.

This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us.

Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed,

Binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

We are forgiven and restored!

Thanks be to God!

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

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

God of justice, God of peace, even now you are breaking into our weary world. Make your presence known to those who wait and watch for you. Send your Spirit of justice rolling over the earth; sweep away all war and suffering so that all of your creation can glorify you in peace--- the kin-dom that Jesus promised us come down to earth at last. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Donna Christison

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13: 1-14

SERMON “Let Every Soul”

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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 #97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” (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

November Mission of the Month: The Salvation Army

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #82 "Come, Thou Long -Expected Jesus"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #105 "People, Look East" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

GREETERS:

Financial Information

Mission of the Month for November: The Salvation Army

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>
11-02-2025	1,417.00	67.00
11-09-2025	1,712.00	67.00
11-16-2025	698.00	88.00
11-23-2025	458.00	38.00
TOTAL	4,285.00	260.00

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

PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Farhad Kosari, who had knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for the family of Carol Eidenschink, who passed away October 12.
- 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.



This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, November 30

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, December 1

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Tuesday, December 2

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, December 3

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Thursday, December 4

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, December 5

Office Closed

Saturday, December 6

Office Closed

Sunday, December 7

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

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Christmas Decoration 2025

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season today, November 30 following morning church worship. This is a fun time for all, in celebration of the Christmas spirit with all the decorations for Christmas! We hope you will come to church this Sunday and stay to help decorate. It is a memorable time, something to think back about in future years. Let's create some good memories together!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>Alan Dewey</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
<i>Angie Jack</i>	<i>Nov. 9</i>
<i>Bruce & Sue Ihrke</i>	<i>Nov. 10</i>
<i>Zac Zabel</i>	<i>Nov. 12</i>
<i>Diane Ellringer</i>	<i>Nov. 15</i>
<i>Ralph & Betty Van Houten</i>	<i>Nov. 16</i>
<i>Jeremy Jensen</i>	<i>Nov. 27</i>
<i>John Zabel</i>	<i>Nov. 27</i>
<i>Nancy Hollister</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>
<i>Harmonie Hollister</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>
<i>Ellery Flanagan</i>	<i>Nov. 30</i>
<i>Jill Johnson</i>	<i>Nov. 30</i>

Mission of the Month for November: The Salvation Army

Our Mission Statement:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. Founded in 1865, the Salvation Army is dedicated to doing the most good possible.

They assist displaced people with homeless shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and re-entry resources. They are working to fight food insecurities by funding food pantries, community gardens, and meal programs.

The Salvation Army's holiday assistance programs provide food, gifts, and other essential items to those in need during the holiday season. Through initiatives like toy drives, meal distribution, and the Angel Tree program, the Salvation Army aims to ensure everyone gets to experience the joy of the holidays.

The iconic Salvation Army red kettle campaign began in 1891 by Captain Joseph McFee, a Salvation Army officer who was looking for a way to cover the cost of the community Christmas meal. Recalling his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, he recreated the "Simpson's Pot", an iron pot where charitable donations were placed by passerby. Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry landing, at the foot of Market Street where it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. By 1895, the 'kettle' was used by 30 locations along the west coast and by 1897 the campaign was making its mark in east. That year, the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. The tradition continues still today.

Sharing your donation at Christmastime helps the Salvation Army care for homeless and needy families, but also helps serve over 27 million people through a myriad of other services all year long. These include Disaster Response Services, Social Service programs, Casework and Counseling, Youth Services, Senior Centers, Christmas Programs, Human and Sexual Trafficking Advocacy, Veterans Services, Prison Services, and Religious Services.



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