

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday in Advent





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Christison

A tree stump left to rot puts forth new shoots.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A wolf slinks toward sheep and joins their fold.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A child plays while serpents slumber.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A prophet cries out from the wild places:

Prepare the way! For heaven is near at hand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Shawn Jensen & Family

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:

Bless it, be the Lord, the God of Israel,

For he has shown favor and redeemed his people.

He has raised up a savior in the house of his servant, David.

As spoken on the lips of his holy prophets of old.

He has shown mercy to us and remembered his holy covenant.

We will serve him and holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

The tender mercy of God will dawn on high and visit us with salvation.

It will shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Christ is coming to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

(the second candle, the Candle of Peace – is lit)

Let us sing together:

Verse 2: ***Light the Advent candle two: Think of humble shepherds who filled with wonder at the site, of the child on Christmas night.***

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:

God of the barren places, whose Spirit rouses stagnant hearts to life, come baptize us in fire that clears away the detritus of despair and apathy. Set our spirits ablaze with impossible reams of oppressors giving up their power for peace and children at play where war once reigned, that, in dreaming, we might come to believe a better world is possible, and begin to ready the way for your incoming kin-dom. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Merciful God, as we watch and wait for signs of your expansive Love,

Forgive our narrow thinking.

As we repent in the wilderness with John,

We confess that we often lack the imagination to testify to the coming light.

As we visit the home of Elizabeth,

We lament our loss of wonder and our failure to recognize miracles among us.

Even as we hear the witness of the angels and the shepherds,

We confess that we do not make haste to go and see the Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our apathy and small-mindedness. When the wait is over and all is finished, open our minds to

**recognize the strength and wisdom of You, Christ, God with us.
Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Hear this Good News: In Christ there is strength and wisdom,

Expansive Love and everlasting grace.

We are forgiven and transformed,

To go and proclaim the wonder of the one who is coming.

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:

Great God, no one knows the hour of your return, yet we await your arrival, trusting that it will come. There is a sense of urgency in our waiting. We await the birth of Jesus, but we watch for so much more, anticipating all that your incarnation means in a hurting world. Teach us to keep alert, that we may not become complacent or convinced that we have time. Show us how to hurry up and wait, to enact our expectation by sharing

Love, offering forgiveness, and living according to the movement of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Donna Christison

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 1-12

SERMON “In Those Days”

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

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 #129 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” (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 #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Verses 1, 3, & 7)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #110 "Love Has Come" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS:

Financial Information

Mission of the Month for November: The Salvation Army

Mission of the Month for December: Supportive Living Solutions

	<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
11-30-2025	890.00	90.00
TOTAL	5,175.00	350.00

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

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Julie & Joe Flanagan

Dec. 2

Howard & Rosemary Gray

Dec. 7

Alex Bartley

Dec. 11

Kennedy Jensen

Dec. 18

Bruce Firzlaff

Dec. 20

John & Zac Zabel

Dec. 29

Betsy Dewey

Dec. 30

Mission of the Month for December: Supportive Living Solutions

Supportive Living Solutions has multiple tiers of support for those experiencing homelessness, mental illness, or other disabilities.

The Housing First Solution provides supportive, apartment-based housing for adults experiencing long term homelessness, mental illness, chemical dependency or other disability. Services include housing, job search and resume building, appointments and medical information management, education budgeting and life skills development, resources for chemical

dependence recovery, and monthly tenant meeting events.

The Recovery Advantage provides housing for men living with chemical dependency or substance use disorder, who are seeking a life of sobriety. This program is designed to ease the transition from in-patient treatment and allows more time to focus on recovery.

They also offer In-Home-Solution programs for individuals with a focus on increasing independence, achieving personal goals, securing and maintaining housing, and reducing the need for crisis intervention.

Lastly, they provide a 24-hour community based Customized Living housing and services for adults living with a serious and persistent mental illness, or other disability. Individuals maintain independence while also being a part of the larger community.



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